



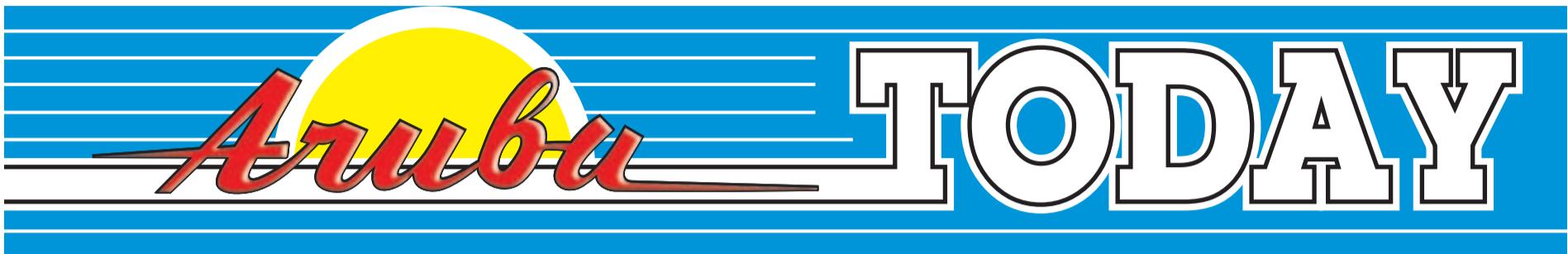
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US Military Planes Arrive At Ebola Epicenter

U.S. marines arrival at the Roberts International airport in Monrovia, Liberia, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014. Six U.S. military planes arrived Thursday at the epicenter of the Ebola crisis, carrying more aid and American Marines into Liberia, the country hardest hit by the deadly disease that has devastated West Africa and stirred anxiety across a fearful world.

(AP Photo/Abbas Dulleh)

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Associated Press**

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)
— Six U.S. military planes arrived in the Ebola hot zone Thursday with more Marines, as West Africa's leaders pleaded for the world's help in dealing with a crisis that one called "a tragedy unforeseen in modern

times." "Our people are dying," Sierra Leone President Ernest Bai Koroma lamented by videoconference at a World Bank meeting in Washington. He said other countries are not responding fast enough while children are orphaned and infected doctors and nurses are lost to the disease.

Alpha Conde of Guinea said the region's countries are in "a very fragile situation."

Ebola is "an international threat and deserves an international response," he said, speaking through a translator as he sought money, medicine, equipment and training for health care workers.

Tom Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said he was reminded of the start of the AIDS epidemic.

"We have to work now so this is not the next AIDS," Frieden said.

The fleet of planes that landed outside the Liberian capital of Monrovia consist-

ed of four MV-22 Ospreys and two KC-130s. The 100 additional Marines bring to just over 300 the total number of American troops in the country, said Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, the commander leading the U.S. response.

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US Military planes arrive at Ebola epicenter

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Williams joined the American ambassador to Liberia, Deborah Malac, at the airport to greet the aircraft. As vehicles unloaded boxes of equipment wrapped in green-and-black cloth, the Marines formed a line on the tarmac and had their temperatures checked by Liberian health workers. Meanwhile, British authorities said they would introduce "enhanced" screening of travelers for Ebola at Heathrow and Gatwick

Assembly, where lawmakers were debating granting President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf more powers beyond those contained in a state of emergency declared in August. Her handling of the crisis has been criticized as heavy handed and ineffective.

Liberian state radio announced that Senate elections scheduled for next week would be postponed. No new date was given. The outbreak has killed more than 3,800 people, according to the latest World Health Organization

of Ebola, but it borders the outbreak zone. Researchers say early safety tests should be done in Ebola-free countries to avoid complicating factors. If the vaccine appears to be safe, larger trials could be done in the outbreak zone early next year.

The U.S. military is working to build medical centers in Liberia and may send up to 4,000 soldiers to help with the Ebola crisis. Medical workers and beds for Ebola patients are sorely lacking. British Defense Secretary Michael Fallon said his

there for nearly a month helping to construct medical centers.

The German military, which has already been flying material such as protective clothing from Senegal to the worst-hit countries, planned to start a wider deployment of aid in mid-November. The military is expected to set up a clinic for 50 patients.

Sierra Leone officials finally released a shipping container filled with medical gear and mattresses that had been held up at the port for more than a month.



U.S. marines disembark upon their arrival at the Roberts International airport in Monrovia, Liberia, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014. Six U.S. military planes arrived Thursday at the epicenter of the Ebola crisis, carrying more aid and American Marines into Liberia, the country hardest hit by the deadly disease that has devastated West Africa and stirred anxiety across a fearful world. At a World Bank meeting in Washington, the presidents of several West African countries struggling with Ebola pleaded for help, with one calling the epidemic "a tragedy unforeseen in modern times."

(AP Photo/Abbas Dulleh)

airports and Eurostar rail terminals.

Prime Minister David Cameron's office said passengers arriving from West Africa would be questioned about their travels and contacts. Some people could be given a medical assessment and advice on what to do if they develop symptoms.

Also Thursday, Liberian police used batons and rattan whips to disperse 100 protesters outside the National

figures. The vast majority of those deaths have been in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Elsewhere, University of Maryland researchers announced that the first study of a possible Ebola vaccine in Africa was underway. Scientists say three health care workers in Mali received the experimental shots developed by the U.S. government. Mali has not had any cases

country would provide more than 750 troops to help build treatment centers and an Ebola "training academy" in Sierra Leone. Army medics and helicopters will provide direct support. Britain will also contribute an aviation support ship.

British troops are expected to arrive next week in Sierra Leone, where they will join military engineers and planners who have been

Ibrahim Bangura, an official who handles medical supplies, said the container's contents were finally in his possession on Thursday. Bureaucracy and political infighting were blamed for delay in distributing the aid. In Guinea, where the first Ebola cases were confirmed back in March, Doctors Without Borders warned on Thursday of a "massive" influx of cases in the capital. □

LATIN BRIEFS

Venezuela is ordered to pay Exxon \$1.6B

WASHINGTON (AP) — An international arbitration panel is ordering Venezuela's government to pay Exxon Mobil \$1.6 billion for the nationalization of a major oil project in the South American nation. Exxon in a statement that the decision by the World Bank's investment dispute panel confirms that the government failed to provide fair compensation for the seized assets. Exxon had been seeking more than \$14 billion in compensation and the International Chamber of Commerce had previously awarded it more than \$900 million in damages. The Cerro Negro project operated by the Irving, Texas-based company was seized in 2007 by then President Hugo Chavez during a wave of nationalizations in the strategic oil sector and other industries. The socialist government is currently battling 20 similar demands at the World Bank by foreign companies. □

Haiti declining a state funeral for 'Baby Doc'

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The long-time lawyer for Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier says Haiti will not hold a state funeral for the former dictator. Attorney Reynolds Georges says he had been told that the Haitian government had been planning a public ceremony for Duvalier following his Oct. 4 death from an apparent heart attack. Georges tells The Associated Press that the government of President Michel Martelly apparently changed course. He said in an interview Thursday that Duvalier's family and friends are organizing a "simple, private" funeral on Saturday. He says he's not sure if Martelly will attend but he does expect mourners from around the country. □

Finance officials face global economy under threat

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Though braced by a resurgent United States, the global economy is under threat from other regions — from Europe and Latin America to China and Japan — where growth is stalling and prospects remain dim.

That's the bleak picture facing global finance officials who are meeting this week in Washington to consider policies to address the world's uneven growth. Their meetings follow downbeat assessments of the global economy issued this week by the International Monetary Fund, the Brookings Institution and the Federal Reserve. The talks began Thursday with discussions among finance ministers and central bank presidents of the Group of 20 nations, which includes traditional powers such as the United States, Japan and Germany and emerging economies such as Russia, China and India. Next will come meetings of the 188-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending organization, the World Bank.

In a global forecast prepared for the meetings, the IMF downgraded its outlook this year because Europe is at risk of slipping back into recession and persistent weakness is slowing Japan, China and Brazil. The IMF called the recovery uneven and said global growth this year would be 3.3 percent, one-tenth of a percentage point below its forecast in July. And it lowered its outlook for 2015.

Brookings' report spoke of the United States as "the sole major economy still showing signs of strength." "The world still seems to be counting on riding the coattails of the U.S. economy," said Eswar Prasad, a Cornell University economist who was among the authors of the report. "That is not going to produce a sustainable recovery."

Fed officials took note of the weakness in overseas economies and the

strengthening dollar at their September meeting, according to minutes released Wednesday. The minutes indicated that officials worried that sluggish economies in Europe, Japan and China could depress U.S. exports.

Concerns about Germany's economy — Europe's largest — have been mounting. The most recent figures show that industrial production, exports, factory orders and business confidence have all endured sharp declines.

Collectively, the figures raised the risk that Germany could slide into recession. The country is suffering from weak demand for its goods from the rest of Europe and China and from fears about the effect of sanctions imposed on Russia over the crisis in Ukraine. Four leading think tanks in Germany have slashed their economic growth forecasts to 1.3 percent for this year and 1.2 percent for 2015, down from predictions in April of 1.9 percent and 2 percent, respectively.

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde warned Thursday that bold action was needed to bolster growth.

"In the face of what we have called the risk of a new mediocre, where growth is low and uneven, we certainly believe that there has to be a new momentum," she said at an opening news conference. Europe's weakness has raised pressure on the European Central Bank, which sets interest rate policies for the 18 nations that use the euro currency, to do more to promote growth and fight low inflation.

Speaking in Washington, Mario Draghi, head of the ECB, said, "We are accountable to the European people for delivering price stability, which means lifting inflation from its excessively low levels, and we will do exactly that."

The global economy is also facing a threat from the spreading health crisis of Ebola. □



World Bank President Jim Yong Kim holds a news conference at International Monetary Fund (IMF) headquarters in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014.

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St. Louis shooting reignites anger among activists

JIM SALTER

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Two months after a Ferguson officer killed Michael Brown, setting off intense national debate about law enforcement treatment of minorities, the shooting death of another black 18-year-old by police in nearby St. Louis has reignited anger among activists already planning weekend protests.

Police say Vonderrit D. Myers was shot Wednesday after he opened fire on a white, off-duty officer, but Myers' parents say he was unarmed. Some activists and lawmakers say Myers was targeted because he was black and are asking the Justice Department — which has opened a civil rights investigation into the death of Brown, who was unarmed — to investigate his shooting.

"This here was racial profiling turned deadly," said state Sen. Jamilah Nasheed. The shooting — the third fatal shooting of a black male by St. Louis area police since Brown's death — happened as activists and other protesters prepared for four days of rallies and marches over the Brown shooting. Organizers say the events, which start



Crowds confront police near the scene in south St. Louis where a man was fatally shot by an off-duty St. Louis police officer on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014. St. Louis Police Lt. Col. Alfred Adkins said the 32-year-old officer was working a secondary security job late Wednesday when the shooting happened. (AP Photo/St. Louis Post-Dispatch, David Carson)

Friday and Saturday in St. Louis, have taken on added urgency. Brown's Aug. 9 death spurred weeks of unrest in Ferguson and the St. Louis region. A state grand jury is deciding whether the officer who shot him, Darren Wilson, will face charges. Police say Myers was both armed and aggressive, using a stolen 9mm gun to shoot at the officer. Syreeta Myers told The Associated Press by phone Thursday that her son was

holding a sandwich, not a gun.

St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson said the officer spotted Myers and two other males around 7:30 p.m. Wednesday while working a security job and patrolling near the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Dotson said the officer, who was wearing his uniform despite being off-duty, became suspicious when one of them started to run.

When the officer made a U-turn, all three ran and the

officer chased them in his car and then on foot, Dotson said.

During the chase, he got into a physical altercation with Myers, who ran up a hill, turned and fired at the officer, the chief said. The

officer, who wasn't hurt, shot back and fatally struck Myers.

Ballistic evidence shows Myers fired three shots before his gun jammed, Dotson said. Police said they recovered the 9mm gun, which had been reported stolen on Sept. 26.

The officer fired off 17 rounds but it's not clear how many bullets hit Myers. The 32-year-old officer, a six-year veteran of the department whose name was not released, is on paid administrative leave pending an investigation.

The Ferguson case was on protesters' minds as they gathered after the latest shooting. Some shouted "Hands up, don't shoot," a common refrain during weeks of sometimes violent protests after Brown's death. Dotson said some in the St. Louis crowd shouted obscenities at officers and damaged three police cars, smashing windows and tail lights. □

Police say assault rifle fired at Chicago train

CHICAGO (AP) — A man who fired on a Chicago subway train as it pulled into a business district station used an assault rifle, Chicago Police Superintendent Gerry McCarthy said Thursday.

McCarthy also said that the man was targeting the "L" train, not passengers, and had at least 50 bullets with him. No one was injured.

"Kind of bizarre behavior," McCarthy said. "I don't know what his motivation was." Even though the man had a valid firearms owner identification card, the weapon he used was stolen, McCarthy said. The suspect was taken into

custody a short time later, just a few blocks away. No charges were immediately filed against the man, who hasn't been identified by police.

Chicago Transit Authority security cameras caught the man on tape before the shooting, but McCarthy didn't say if the shooting was captured by cameras.

The incident left passengers shaken, with some refusing to get off when the doors opened.

"There were four or five shots (that) hit the train — boom, boom, boom," said John Langston, 50. "I thought it was somebody with a sledgehammer." □

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Lawyer: No proof teen sought to back terrorists

MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Prosecutors don't have the evidence to prove a 19-year-old from suburban Chicago actually sought to provide material support to Islamic State militants in Syria, his

al. U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan Cox told attorneys she wanted to take several weeks to mull over a government request to close some of the proceedings to the public and press. Speaking outside court, defense attorney Thomas

Syria and Iraq. According to a federal criminal complaint, authorities arrested Khan on Saturday at O'Hare International Airport as he tried to board a plane on the first leg of flights to Turkey. A subsequent search of his

Shafi and Zarine Khan, did not see the letter until agents found it Saturday, and he said they did not know of any plans their son might have had to journey to Syria. Asked if Khan had planned to stay overseas permanently, Durkin said he didn't know.

"All I know is he had a round-trip ticket," he said. Durkin, who was just hired to represent Khan and met him for the first time Thursday, said his client spent a year studying at Benedictine University in Lisle. He recently took a year off to earn money to pay for more college courses, Durkin said.

Durkin said he was concerned Khan's family was receiving extra scrutiny because they are Muslims

and wore traditional garb, including a veil on his mother concealing everything but her eyes.

Khan's mother and father, originally from India, are both naturalized U.S. citizens. Khan was born in the Chicago area, Durkin said. Judge Cox said she was reluctant to close any portion of a detention hearing.

But she said prosecutors made the request because some evidence they want to present relates to minors. Durkin opposed closing the hearing, which will now be held Oct. 21, telling Cox that restricting public access "would be a very dangerous precedent."

Prosecutors' motion to partially close proceedings was made in a sealed filing late Wednesday. □



Attorney Thomas Dirkin, left, talks with Shafi, and Zarine Khan, parents of Mohammed Hamzah Khan, after a federal magistrate judge put off ruling on whether the 19-year-old Khan, accused of trying to join Islamic State militants in Syria, should stay behind bars pending trial Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, in Chicago. Khan's detention hearing on Thursday followed his arrest last week at O'Hare International Airport as he attempted to board a plane to Turkey.

(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

attorney said Thursday in the first public defense of the suspect. Mohammed Hamzah Khan's lawyer spoke after a detention hearing, during which a federal judge put off a ruling on whether to free him pending tri-

Durkin described his client, who is an American citizen, as intelligent and devout. But he added, "I don't think the evidence will show that he was trying to give material support to ISIS," one of the names of the Islamic State group operating in

family's Bolingbrook home turned up a three-page letter he left for his parents, telling them he was disgusted by Western society and felt obliged to travel to the Middle East, the complaint says. Durkin said Khan's parents,

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Applications for US unemployment aid fall to 287K

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Slightly fewer Americans sought unemployment benefits last week, pushing the average number of applications in the past month to an eight-year low. The Labor Department said Thursday that weekly applications fell 1,000 to a seasonally adjusted 287,000 in the week ended Oct. 4. That is the fourth straight week that applications have been below 300,000, a clear sign of a job market on the mend. Applications are a proxy for layoffs. They have fallen 9 percent in the past month. That suggests employers are keeping their workers, likely because they expect continued economic growth and may be contemplating more hires.

"With the pace of firings exceptionally low, and surveys signaling robust hiring, we have to expect very strong payroll growth" in the next several months, Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, said in a note to clients.

The four-week average of applications, a less volatile measure, dropped 7,250 to 287,750, the lowest level since February 2006, nearly two years before the Great Recession began.

The decline in applications has corresponded with robust hiring. Employers added 248,000 jobs last month, and hiring in the previous two months was healthier than previously believed, the government said last week. That helped push the unemployment rate down to 5.9 percent, a six-year low. The number of people receiving benefits has also fallen steadily to just 2.38 million in the week ended Sept. 27, the latest data available. That is the fewest since May 2006. Many former recipients have gotten jobs. But another key reason for the drop is that many of the long-term unemployed are no longer eligible. Jobless aid lasts for 26 weeks in most states.

The number of available jobs soared to a 13-year high in August, according to a separate government report Tuesday. That suggests employers will keep



Jean Meryot, 38, of Miami, waits to be interviewed during a job fair at Fontainebleau Miami Beach in Miami Beach, Fla. The Fontainebleau had 50 positions available and was looking to hire cooks, servers, bartenders and hostesses among other positions. The U.S. Labor Department reports on the number of people who applied for unemployment benefits last week on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

adding jobs at a healthy clip in the coming months. Still, companies have been wary about filling positions,

frustrating many job-seekers. Some employers say they can't find workers with the right skills. Many econ-

omists, however, say that firms may not be offering high enough pay to attract qualified applicants. □

For August:

US wholesale stockpiles climbed 0.7%

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.

wholesale companies restocked their warehouses in August at the fastest pace since April, led by big increases in computers, lumber and furniture. But wholesale sales fell by the most since January.

The Commerce Department said Thursday that wholesale inventories rose 0.7 percent after a 0.3 percent increase in July. Sales fell 0.7 percent, the biggest decline since a 1.8 percent drop in January. The figures indicate that inventories rose partly because sales slowed more than wholesalers anticipated. That suggests they may cut back their orders in the coming months. Slower restocking can slow factory production, which could weigh on the economy.

Computer sales fell 1.7 percent and lumber sales dropped 0.9 percent, the report showed. Wholesale auto sales also fell.

Stockpiles rose in many of the same categories: computer inventories jumped

4.5 percent, and lumber supplies rose 1.5 percent. Auto stockpiles rose 0.6 percent.

Inventory growth is viewed as a barometer of business sentiment. When companies add goods to their stockpiles, it typically reflects optimism about

quarter, faster inventory building by retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers and other businesses accounted for 1.4 percentage points of the 4.6 percent annual growth rate. That followed a big cutback in restocking in the first three months of the



David Mann, of Pawtucket, R.I., shops for vegetables at the Wishing Stone Farm stand at a farmers market, in Providence, R.I. The Commerce Department reported on wholesale stockpiles and sales in August on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

future demand. But it can also reflect an unexpected slowdown in sales that has left wholesalers with excess goods.

Inventory change can have a big impact on the economy. In the April-June

year, which subtracted nearly 1.2 percentage points from growth. The economy contracted 2.1 percent in the January-March quarter, the worst showing since the recession ended in mid-2009. □

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US Financial Front:

Former Fed Chair Bernanke defends AIG bailout in court

MARCY GORDON

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testified in federal court Thursday that insurance giant American Group Inc. had to be rescued by the government in 2008 to avert global catastrophe.

Bernanke took the stand at a trial of a lawsuit brought by former AIG Chairman and CEO Maurice Greenberg, who is suing the government over its handling of AIG's bailout loan. Bernanke was one of the key decision makers on the bailout, which began with an \$85 billion rescue loan from the New York Federal Reserve in September 2008 and grew to nearly \$185 billion in federal aid.

In early questioning, Bernanke kept his answers terse when asked about the potential damage an AIG collapse might inflict. "Certainly there was an enormous amount of stress on financial institutions" in the fall of 2008 after mortgage financiers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac had been taken over by the government and fear cascaded through financial markets, Bernanke said.

It was a rare appearance by a former Fed chairman on the witness stand at a trial.

Greenberg, who was AIG's biggest shareholder, is suing the federal government for about \$40 billion in damages. He asserts that it violated the Constitution's Fifth Amendment by taking control of AIG without "just compensation" for the shares it received. The government took control of 80 percent of AIG's stock in exchange for the bailout

aid.

New York-based AIG, which had operations around the globe, spiraled toward collapse after making huge bets on mortgage securities that soured. It has since repaid the loan, and the government says taxpayers ultimately earned \$25 billion on the investment in the company.

David Boies, the attorney representing Greenberg, questioned Bernanke about a meeting of the Fed governors on Sept. 16, 2008 to approve the emergency loan to AIG, and the extent to which details of the proposed terms of the loan were discussed.

Bernanke said he couldn't recall whether specific details, such as various fees to AIG, were discussed before central bank officials voted.

The terms of the loan included the huge government stake in the company and an interest rate called "crazily high" by a government official, according to an email produced in court Wednesday.

Earlier this week before Bernanke's appearance, Boies had tenaciously questioned Timothy Geithner, the former Treasury secretary who headed the New York Fed at the time of the AIG loan. Geithner said he and his colleagues at the Fed and the Treasury Department believed that AIG's dire financial condition was "substantially" the result of its management taking on excessive risk.

Bernanke, who stepped down in January after eight years as Fed chairman, is a fellow at the Brookings Institution think tank in Washington and has been writing a memoir. □



Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke arrives at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, to testify in a suit on the US government's 2008 bailout of (AIG) American International Group Inc. in a trial of a lawsuit filed by the insurance giant's former CEO over the handling of the rescue.

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US-led coalition ramps up strikes on Syrian town

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Associated Press

MURSITPINAR, Turkey (AP)

— The U.S.-led coalition intensified its aerial bombardment of Islamic State positions Thursday in the Syrian border town of Kobani as the extremist group fought street battles with Kurdish forces and reportedly rushed in reinforcements.

The battle for the town near the frontier with Turkey has emerged as a major early test for the air campaign aimed at rolling back and eventually destroying the extremist group.

It has also strained ties between Washington and Ankara over the long-term U.S. strategy in Syria. On Thursday, the U.S. special envoy for the coalition, retired Marine Gen. John Allen, and NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg were in Turkey to press the country to join military operations.

Turkish officials have said that while they do not want Kobani to fall, they will not take on a greater role until the coalition outlines a broader strategy that also includes attacking Syrian President Bashar Assad, who is best positioned to benefit from any rollback of the Islamic State group.

But attacking Assad's regime "is not the focus of our international coalition and not the focus of our efforts by the United States," State Department spokes-

woman Jen Psaki said.

Turkey also has called for the creation of a buffer zone inside Syria to secure the border, but the White

force.

U.S. officials said Thursday the U.S. is largely talking to Turkey about other things it could do besides insert-

160 kilometers (100 miles) from the Syrian border, to be used by U.S. or coalition planes or for logistics and training; and equip-

meetings underway between U.S. and Turkish officials in Ankara and requested anonymity.

The fight for Kobani has brought Syria's civil war yet again to Turkey's doorstep, and for weeks the U.S. and its allies have pressed Ankara to take a more robust role in the coalition. In addition, Kurds have held massive demonstrations across Turkey in which they accuse the government, which has deployed its tanks just across the frontier, of doing nothing to save the town.

Ankara is suspicious of the Syrian Kurdish forces fighting in Kobani, seeing them as an extension of the Kurdish PKK, which waged a long and bloody insurgency against Turkey.

Responding to the criticism, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said it was unrealistic to expect Turkey to launch a ground war against the Islamic State group on its own.

Cavusoglu spoke at a news conference in Ankara with NATO's Stoltenberg, who said there was no easy solution for Kobani. □



Turkish soldiers in armored vehicles watch from their positions on a hilltop on the outskirts of Suruc, at the Turkey-Syria border, as smoke rises from a fire caused by a strike in Kobani, Syria, during fighting between Syrian Kurds and the militants of Islamic State group, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014. Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, and its surrounding areas, has been under assault by extremists of the Islamic State group since mid-September and is being defended by Kurdish fighters.

House and Pentagon said Wednesday the U.S. is not considering that option. Such a zone would be costly and complex to en-

ing ground forces into the fight; allowing U.S. and coalition aircraft to fly over Turkish territory; allowing its air base in Incirlik, some

ping moderate Syrian opposition forces fighting to topple Assad.

The officials were not authorized to discuss

Malaysia Airlines Crash Inquiry: Oxygen mask disclosure angers victims' families

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PARIS - A senior Dutch government official's disclosure that one victim of the Malaysia Airlines plane

crash in eastern Ukraine had been found wearing an oxygen mask led to dismay on Thursday among investigators and outrage among victims' relatives.

"People are shocked when they hear this and wonder what other information there is but isn't shared," Veeru Mewa, a lawyer representing the families of several Dutch passengers who died aboard the plane, told Dutch television.

Frans Timmermans, the foreign minister, mentioned the discovery of the oxygen mask late Wednesday during an appearance on a popular Dutch television talk show, where an interviewer brought up the July 17 crash of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, which killed 298 people.

Wim de Bruin, a spokesman for the Dutch national prosecutor's office, expressed dismay about the disclosure on Thursday. He confirmed that forensics experts had found a yellow plastic oxygen mask dan-

ging around the neck of a male victim among the dozens of bodies that arrived at Eindhoven Air Base a week after the crash.

Several news organizations reported that the victim was an Australian, but de Bruin declined to confirm this.

Once the victim was identified, de Bruin said, investigators immediately informed his next of kin, but withheld the information about the mask from the public while they sought further evidence that might help explain the discovery.

"We did not make it public because we are still investigating the circumstances and its significance," de Bruin said. The mask was tested for DNA, he said, but that analysis did not yield any useful clues. "Until now, we only have questions, but no answers." □



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Shiite rebels among 67 killed in Yemen bombings

AHMED AL-HAJ

Associated Press

SANA, Yemen (AP) —

Two suicide bombings in Yemen killed nearly 70 people on Thursday, with one targeting an anti-government rally by Shiite rebels who control Sanaa, leaving body parts strewn across a street in the heart of the capital and escalating sectarian tensions in a country gripped by turmoil. The suicide bomber in Sanaa detonated his explosives-laden belt as he approached a security checkpoint run by Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, outside the anti-government rally, killing 47 people and wounding 75. Hours later, a suicide car bomber rammed a security outpost on the outskirts of the Arabian Sea port city of Mukalla, killing 20 soldiers and wounding 15.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks, but they bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida's powerful local affiliate, which for years has waged a campaign of suicide bombings and other attacks against security forces and government facilities despite U.S. drone strikes targeting its leaders. The Sunni extremist group al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula had warned it would target the Houthis, and the attack in Sanaa threatened to set off the kind of sectarian bloodletting that is ravaging Iraq and Syria.

Yemen, an impoverished country whose rugged landscape and tribal society has long limited the reach of the central government, has been navigating a bumpy transition since long-ruling President Ali Abdullah Saleh agreed to step down following a 2011 uprising inspired by

the Arab Spring.

Over the last several months, the Houthis had moved south from their northern stronghold, winning a series of battles against tribal and other forces allied with the Islamist Islah party and ultimately seizing the capital on Sept. 21.

The Houthis insist they want a greater share of power in a new national government, but their critics view them as a proxy of Shiite Iran bent on seizing power. Shortly after the Houthis seized the capital, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula claimed a suicide car bombing that killed one person at a Houthi field hospital and warned: "You will see your bodies scattered and your heads flying."

It would prove an eerie

foretelling of the carnage visited upon Sanaa on Thursday.

The attacker mingled among protesters as they approached the venue of the planned rally in

the city's landmark Tahrir Street before detonating his explosives, according to security and health officials. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not au-

thorized to talk to media. The regional Al-Arabiyah news channel broadcast footage apparently taken by a security camera showing the exact moment of the blast. □



People gather at the site of a suicide bombing as Yemeni security officials collect debris in Sanaa, Yemen, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014. A suicide bomber struck at the center of the Yemeni capital of Sanaa on Thursday, setting off his explosives at a gathering of supporters of the rebel Shiite Houthis who recently overran the city, security officials said.

(AP Photo)

In Beijing:

Young Chinese see little to cheer in protests

ANDREW JACOBS

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BEIJING - The pro-democracy demonstrations in Hong Kong would seem to have universal appeal, a David and Goliath tale, starring young idealists, polite and considerate in their defiance, standing up to a mighty authoritarian government with a history of mercilessly crushing dissent. But here on the streets of China's capital, where the ruling Communist Party's heavy hand is most keenly felt, it can be hard to find people who openly support the demonstrators and their demands, and not just because censors and Chinese security agents have been muffling the voices of protest supporters.

On social media and over

shared meals at restaurants, many young professionals express suspicion and even hostility toward the students and the Occupy Central protest movement. They accuse the students of selfishly blocking roads and disrupting the lives of ordinary residents; others, parroting government propaganda, blame Western governments for orchestrating one of the most high-profile challenges to Beijing's authority in years. "If necessary, the protesters should be removed by force," said Gordon Qi, 20, a dual economics and psychology major at one of the capital's most prestigious universities.

Two weeks into the protests, aggressive censorship has left many people in

mainland China with only a vague, but unfavorable impression of events in Hong Kong. Others, busy with work or wary of discussing politics, say they do not care. But some of the most vociferous critics of the protests are young Chinese, a number of them educated abroad and able to gain access to unfiltered news by using software that circumvents China's so-called Great Firewall.

In nearly two dozen conversations this week, they warned about the protests' impact on Hong Kong's economy, the paramount value of maintaining social stability and what some called the hypocrisy of trying to improve society through civil disobedience - sentiments that have

dominated media coverage in mainland China since the protests began in late September.

But perhaps the most notable element of criticism was a lack of sympathy for the protesters' central goal: greater democracy. In interviews, many people said Hong Kong residents should be content with the liberties they already have, which far exceed those on the mainland, while others warned about the dangers of truly open elections.

"We have to be wary of democracy turning into anarchy," Wen Gao, a 23-year-old entrepreneur, said over tea at a cafe in the capital's gleaming high-tech district of Haidian. "I think it's a deceptive concept." □

Horse poisoning alarms Venezuela racing

FABIOLA SANCHEZ**Associated Press****CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— It sounds like a page-turning novel: Venezuelan authorities say a gambling ring poisons one of the country's most popular race horses ahead of a key derby, nearly killing the animal and shining a light on an underworld where millions of dollars in bets are made under the table.

But the attack on 4-year-old Rio Negro as he prepared for the Army Day derby was real, and just the latest grim milestone in a wave of lawlessness and violence that has made Venezuela one of the world's deadliest places.

The horse is still struggling to regain his strength after almost dying. There have been other cases of using poison to "sleep" a race horse in Venezuela, including three in the last year. But the attention thrust on Rio Negro's dramatic plight by the media and top level government officials has underscored the growing brazenness of well-organized betting rings that many say threatens to de-



Rio Negro, a thoroughbred horse calls for food at his stable at La Rinconada racetrack in Caracas, Venezuela. Rio Negro was the rising star of Venezuela's racing season, but now this rail-thin, wart-riddled race horse is fighting for his life.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

stroy a sport nearly as popular here as baseball.

Rio Negro had been heavily favored to win the derby until criminals injected him with a near-fatal overdose of cortisone sometime in June — police aren't exactly sure when.

His caretakers say he nearly collapsed and began urinating frequently during

a training session four days before the June 22 race. He lost almost a fifth of his weight, his black-colored skin broke out in welts and he was diagnosed with temporary diabetes.

"It was painful to watch," said Julio Lobo, one of his veterinarians.

Rio Negro is now kept in a dark, cold stable that looks more like a prison with iron bars and proliferation of security cameras to ward off intruders.

Authorities have arrested nine people, among them former police officers and a horse owner linked to betting rings. But it's unknown if the investigation, an outcry from top government officials and beefed-up security at La Rinconada track in Caracas can control the rings that some racing officials call "mafias." Gambling on horse races is legal in Venezuela, but the socialist government tightly controls betting at the country's four racetracks and 1,200 off-track betting houses. Illegal gambling is driven by the government's limit of 1,000 bolivars on bets, or about \$10 at the black market rate. Last year, the industry in Venezuela handled about \$120 million in legal bets, according to the Paris-based International Federation of Horseracing Authorities.□

Vicente Carrillo Fuentes, who like many top drug lords was from Sinaloa state, also had a \$5 million reward on his head from U.S. authorities.



This image shows Vicente Carrillo Fuentes, the alleged leader of the Juarez drug cartel. Mexican officials said Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, that Carrillo Fuentes has been arrested in the northern city of Torreon.

(AP Photo/FBI website)

ering the United States. Carrillo Fuentes, who like many top drug lords was from Sinaloa state, also had a \$5 million reward on his head from U.S. authorities.

Immediately after his brother's death, there were doubts among cartel members about Carrillo Fuentes' ability to lead, according to a profile provided to The Associated Press by the Mexican Attorney General's Office.

"He was not believed to possess the leadership and decision-making skills," according to the document, noting this created internal tensions in the group.

In the end, he was able to consolidate what the profile called "an iron grip" on the cartel, while leading it in new directions. As demand for cocaine declined in the United States, the gang took to selling more of it in Mexico.

"He overcame the initial perceptions about his personality," the document said.

Carrillo Fuentes was also known for establishing a series of shifting alliances that seldom worked out for long.

He initially allied his cartel with the Sinaloa Cartel, Mexico's most powerful drug gang. But that alliance fell apart following the 2004 killing of another brother, Rodolfo Carrillo Fuentes, in Sinaloa.□

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Eyes on Kim as North Korea preps for anniversary



People watch a TV news program showing North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014. As North Korea's ruling party prepares to mark its 69th anniversary on Friday, the world will be watching to see if leader Kim will make his first public appearance in more than a month. The letters on the screen read "UN pushes to refer North Korea leader Kim Jong Un to international court."

ERIC TALMADGE
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — As North Korea's ruling party prepares to mark its 69th anniversary

on Friday, the world will be watching to see if leader Kim Jong Un will make his first public appearance in more than a month.

Kim's absence from the public eye, along with suggestions in the North Korean media that he might be ill, has generated a wide

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

range of rumors abroad that all is not well in the secretive and isolated country.

Kim was last seen in public attending a concert on Sept. 3. Before that, he had been shown walking with a limp.

The Friday event marks the founding of the ruling Worker's Party of Korea.

Kim's absence would not in itself be all that important or unusual — such anniversaries are generally given more weight when they are landmark years, though he attended the celebrations in the last two years.

It was not clear how much pomp would be put on for the event Friday. A high-profile celebration is expected for next year's 70th anniversary of the ruling

party. Even so, because the young leader has not been shown in the North Korean media for the past month, his attendance at the event has taken on more meaning.

During a surprise visit to South Korea last week to attend the closing ceremonies of the Asian Games in Incheon, three senior North Korean leaders assured their South Korean counterparts that Kim was healthy, but that has done little to calm the rumors abroad that he was unwell.

Kim missed a meeting of the country's parliament late last month, and was absent again from a gathering this week to mark his late father's election as ruling party head.

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Ireland's treasury sells bonds at record-low yield

SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — Ireland's treasury sold 10-year bonds at a record-low yield of 1.63 percent on Thursday, providing the latest evidence of the country's strong rebound from a debt crisis and international bailout. The treasury said its auction, which raised 1 billion euros (\$1.28 billion), was

2 1/2 times oversubscribed. The yield was far below Ireland's previous record-low 2.3 percent paid to sell 10-year government bonds in July. The exuberant interest in Irish debt securities has strengthened the country's case for repaying its 2010 bailout-loan package early to eliminate what now appear to be excessive interest costs on the money.

Ireland is expected to exceed its deficit reduction targets for both this year and 2015, when the country is expected to post a deficit well below 3 percent of gross domestic product, the official European Union limit. Ireland's job is being made easier by surprisingly strong economic growth this year, with the government and Irish Central Bank

forecasting 2014 growth of at least 4.5 percent. Prime Minister Enda Kenny said he expected Ireland to post growth rates exceeding 3 percent for the next six to eight years. High growth makes deficit targets easier to reach, because the tax take grows, welfare bills shrink, and the deficit percentage declines relative to the size of

the economy.

EU partners still need to formally approve Ireland's recent agreement with the International Monetary Fund to repay its 22.5 billion-euro (\$29 billion) portion of the 2010 loan aid. The IMF charges Ireland an average rate of 4.99 percent, representing an interest bill exceeding 1.12 billion euros (\$1.43 billion) per year. □

Recession threat spooks Germany as exports plunge

DAVID RISING

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — The drum-beat of bad economic news for Germany continued Thursday, with the biggest monthly plunge in exports in five years raising the risk that Europe's largest economy might slide into recession.

Exports fell in August by 5.8 percent over July, the sharpest drop since early 2009, when the global financial crisis was wreaking havoc on the world economy. Imports dropped as well, by 1.3 percent in calendar- and seasonally adjusted terms, the Federal Statistical Office said.

The figures follow a string of disappointing news — including sharp declines in industrial production, factory orders and business confidence — that analyst ING economist Carsten Brzeski called "a summer horror story."

Unless the German economy rebounds strongly in September, there is now a chance it might contract

in the third quarter. Following a 0.2 percent quarter-on-quarter contraction in the April-June period, that would technically put Ger-

many in recession," said Brzeski. Germany is suffering from a drop in demand for its high-value exports in other European countries as well

against Russia.

The downturn caused a group of four leading economic think tanks in Germany to slash their growth



Containers are piled up at the Duisburg harbor in Germany. German exports plunged in August as increasing uncertainty over the crisis in Ukraine and the timing of summer holidays combined to produce the largest drop in five years.

many in recession.

"The economy seems to need a small miracle in September to avoid a re-

cession. Businesses are also worried about the impact of the Ukrainian crisis, in particular the sanctions

forecast for the country. They forecast growth of 1.3 percent this year and 1.2 percent in 2015, down

from their prediction in April for growth rate of 1.9 percent and 2 percent respectively. Chancellor Angela Merkel said the lower forecast didn't surprise the government, which has talked lately about the importance of encouraging more private investment but also is determined to stick to plans to get by without new public borrowing from next year.

Merkel said the government is "considering how additional investments could be possible, how bureaucracy can be removed, how to invest in the future in the digital and energy areas" and pledged to "proceed decisively in this regard."

There is some hope that German economic activity rebounded in September, helping the country dodge recession. The drop in indicators in August was due in part to the timing of summer holidays and indicates a recovery is possible in the last month of the third quarter. □

Study: Vietnamese, Chinese choose capitalist road

PAUL WISEMAN

AP Economics Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Enthusiasm for free markets runs higher in communist China and Vietnam than in traditional capitalist bastions the United States and United Kingdom, the Pew Research Center reports.

A world-leading 95 percent of Vietnamese say that most people are better off in free-market economies, and 76 percent of Chinese agree, according to a Pew survey of nearly 49,000 people worldwide

that might have astonished Ho Chi Minh and Mao Zedong. Seventy percent of Americans and 65 percent of those in the UK expressed support for a free-market economic system.

Expanded world trade has ignited fast economic growth in emerging economies such as China and Vietnam, lifting tens of millions out of poverty. Meanwhile, the advanced economies of the United States and Europe have contended in recent years

with sluggish growth, high unemployment and stagnant wages.

Those distinct experiences appear to have shaped attitudes toward free markets — and the future: 65 percent of those in advanced economies said they expected children in their countries to be worse off than their parents. In low- and middle-income countries, by contrast, at least half the respondents expected their children to be better off.

Optimism was highest in

Vietnam, where 94 percent saw good times ahead for their children. In China, 85 percent felt the same way. But just 30 percent of Americans, 23 percent of British, 15 percent of Italians, 14 percent of Japanese and 13 percent of French predicted a brighter future for today's children.

Worldwide, 60 percent said the income gap between rich and poor is a "very big" problem in their countries. But a lack of jobs was seen as an even bigger problem.

Overall, 66 percent of those around the world say people are better off under capitalism even if it leaves some rich and some poor.

"People are willing to accept a certain level of inequality to have free markets," says Katie Simmons, senior researcher at Pew. Concern about inequality was highest in Greece and Lebanon — 84 percent in both countries saw it as a major problem — and lowest in Japan (28 percent). □

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

Friday's Fish Market at Gilligan's Beach Bar & Grill features Fresh Catch



PALM BEACH - The Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa recently introduced a Fish Market at Gilligan's Beach Bar & Grill inviting patrons

to get stranded there every Friday from 6:00pm as the restaurant features fresh seafood, displayed in an authentic fisherman boat,



Aruban style. Seafood items on Gilligan's menu that night include lobster tail, shrimp, red snapper and the Catch of the Day, hooked by amateur fishermen Rudy Mad-

uro, the restaurant supervisor or Johnny Geerman, the bell captain, both passionate about fishing. Guests make their selection of seafood and indicate the amount they de-

sire. Their selection is then weighed by the ounce for pricing, destined to the grill, the deep fryer or the sauté pan, according to their specifications. At Gilligan's Beach Bar & Grill patrons decide on the method of cooking. They may also mix and match the local sauces such as Creole, tartar or Caribbean salsa, and pick their favorite side-dishes such as yucca and fried plantain.

For appetizers, the culinary team of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa sets up a special unlimited salad and soup bar, and the bar offers reduced prices on beer buckets and cocktails.

Needless to say that Gilligan's Beach Bar & Grill also features a non-seafood menu of burgers, salads and specialty sandwiches for those wishing to kick back with a casual, al fresco dinner.

Reservations are recommended, to be made at the concierge desk. Walk-ins are welcome based on availability.

Pictured here Friday's Fish Market at Gilligan's Beach Bar & Grill featuring Fresh Catch. □



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The Eagle Team Celebrates its Achievements at a Special Event



EAGLE BEACH - The Eagle Team, a group of social and community conscious associates at La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino celebrated its achievements by convening for an especially catered lunch at the resort conference room. The dynamic team just spearheaded a renovation project at the Hilario Angela College in San Nicolas, an elementary

school in the local public school system. The school received a much-needed facelift from the resort, and its freshly painted walls and columns and nicely cleared grounds welcomed students at the beginning of the school year. As the school was adopted by the resort, the Eagle Team assumed the responsibility for its maintenance and upkeep. The work was

done by the engineering department and Eagle Team volunteers, with materials and resources they procured from local companies.

Aichel Lynch, Assistant Front Office Manager and President of The Eagle Team presided over the luncheon with her usual exuberance and enthusiasm. In her welcome remarks she made a public plea to all associates to join The Eagle Team, attend meetings regularly and apply for board positions, thus becoming part of the resort's ears and eyes.

The Eagle Team, Aichel reiterated, was conceived as an instrument of commun-



many of their activities during the first nine months of the year.

Also present at the meeting the Eagle Team board members, Damian Tromp, Tessely Koolman, Ena Vrolijk, and Glenda Brokke

fection serving a savory seafood chowder, healthy salads and delicious dessert.

La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino dedicates considerable time and resources to associates and community activities designed to foster unity, a sense of higher purpose and improved communication. The Eagle Team entrusted with the organization of these special events gets a lot done thanks to the drive and dedication of its volunteer members. □



ication, whose purpose is to listen to associates' concerns and to follow up on their needs and wishes, which naturally spill over to the resort's community work and social responsibilities.

whose creative hands decorated the room. Members of the Food & Beverage department Jeanette, Igmar and Pierre, catered the event to per-



Over lunch, the Eagle Team members enjoyed the fresh and colorful PowerPoint presentation prepared by board member Sandra Gacusan depicting

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Mr. Ricardo Croes representing Aruba Tourism Au-

thority conducted the ceremony at the Marriott Surf Club. Their top reasons for returning to Aruba year after year are they consider Aruba to be the "Happy Island", the great weather and friendly Aruban hospitality, white sand beaches and the local food.

Mr. Croes from ATA is seen in the photos together with the honorees and Jenny from the Marriott Surf Club. □



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SPORTS

Aruba TODAY



Andy Murray of Britain reacts after missing a shot against David Ferrer of Spain during their men's singles third round match at the Shanghai Masters Tennis Tournament in Shanghai, China, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014.

Associated Press

Djokovic, Federer reach quarters in Shanghai Open

JUSTIN BERGMAN

Associated Press

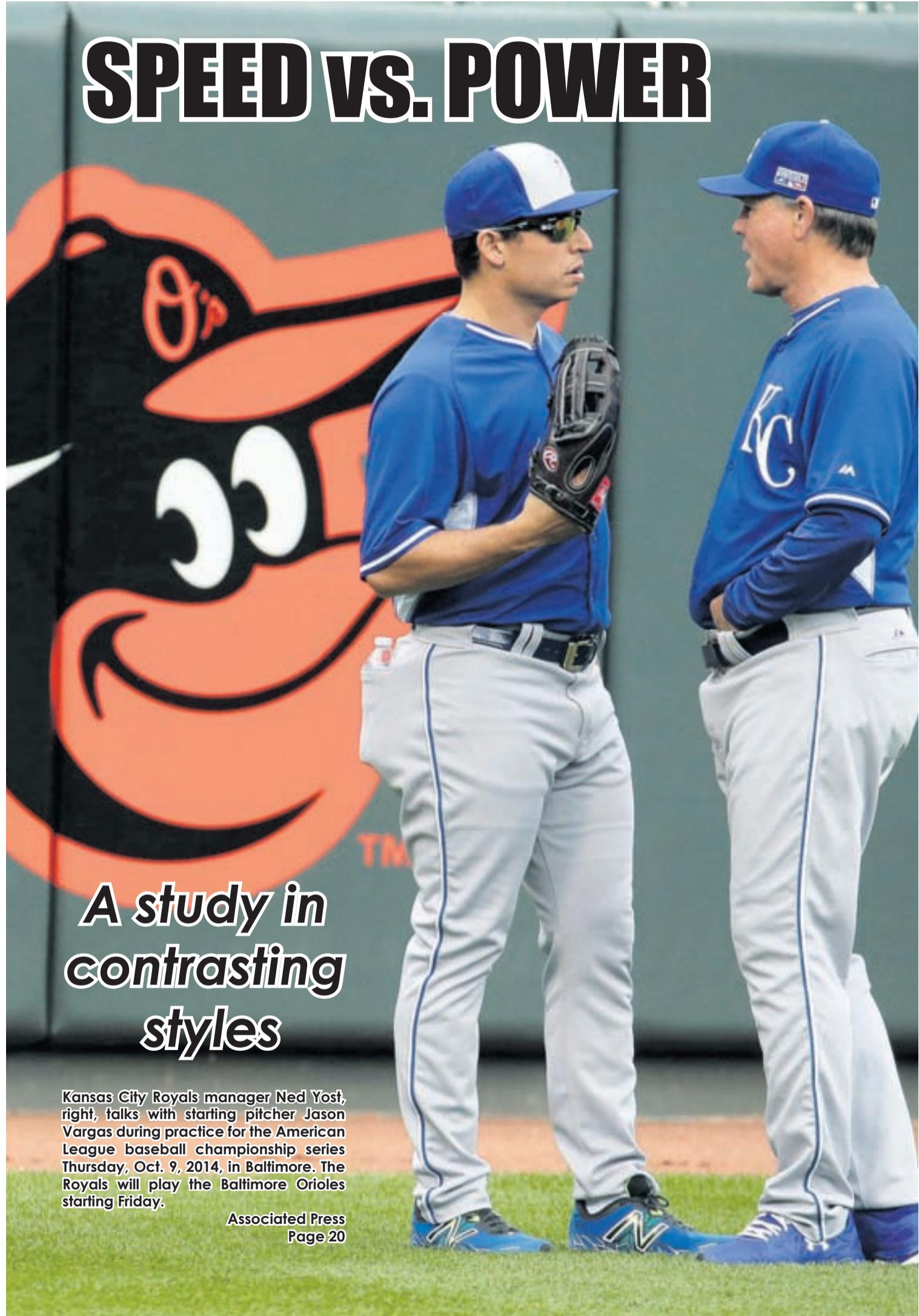
SHANGHAI (AP) — Two-time defending champion Novak Djokovic avoided being the latest seed to lose at the upset-hit Shanghai Masters, rallying to defeat No. 85-ranked Mikhail Kukushkin 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in the third round Thursday.

Roger Federer also advanced to the quarterfinals with a routine 6-4, 6-2 win over Roberto Bautista Agut, a night after he saved five match points and escaped with a three-set win in the second round.

Djokovic extended his 27-match winning streak in China, but it wasn't easy against the speedy Kukushkin, who kept the top-ranked Serb running with powerful forehands that repeatedly caught the lines and impressive defense to extend lengthy rallies.

Serving at 4-5 in the second set, a frustrated Djokovic even lashed out at the chair umpire after receiving a time violation as he caught his breath between serves.

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Shanghai Open

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"Did you not see the point before that we played?" he asked. "You're sitting there enjoying your time, right?"

After dropping that service game to lose the set, the seven-time major winner got the early break in the third and held on for the win. It was the first set he's lost in seven matches this year in China, including five at last week's China Open. "He disguised his first serve very well. He disguised his forehands very well. Definitely was the toughest match I played so far in China," Djokovic said. "When you play somebody who has nothing to lose, it's important that I got the W."

Kukushkin, a Russian-born Kazakh player who entered the match with a 1-15 record against top-10 players, had 35 winners to 27 for Djokovic.

Federer avoided the

dramatics of his opening match over Leonardo Mayer of Argentina, which he finally won 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (7) after coming back from a 5-2 deficit in the third-set tiebreaker.

Federer, who will overtake Rafael Nadal at No. 2 in the rankings next week, played a much cleaner match against Bautista Agut, hitting 33 winners to just 21

unforced errors. He had 57 unforced errors against Mayer. The biggest problem after Wednesday's match was the recovery. The match ended at 12:30 a.m. local time and he didn't get to sleep until four hours later. "I think that's the toughest part. Just maintaining a good concentration, not getting frustrated, taking chances, being inspired on the court. All those things can chip away once you go to bed so late," he said. Djokovic will next face David Ferrer, who boosted his chances of qualifying for the ATP finals with a 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 win over Andy Murray.

Both Murray and Ferrer are fighting to claim one of the remaining spots in the eight-man tournament next month in London. With the win, Ferrer will now pass Murray into ninth place in the standings, just behind Milos Raonic in eighth.

Murray had played far more tennis than the fresher Ferrer in recent weeks, winning a title in Shenzhen and making the semifinals of the China Open. The Spaniard, meanwhile, was coming off two straight opening-round losses.

"He literally barely missed a ball for about a set and a half," Murray said. "I



Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns a shot against Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan in their men's singles third round match at the Shanghai Masters Tennis Tournament in Shanghai, China, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014.

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couldn't find a way around him."

Murray will now try to build on his momentum over the rest of the season to make a push for London. Besides last year when he was recovering from back surgery, Murray has played in the season-ending championships every year since 2008.

"There's still obviously a

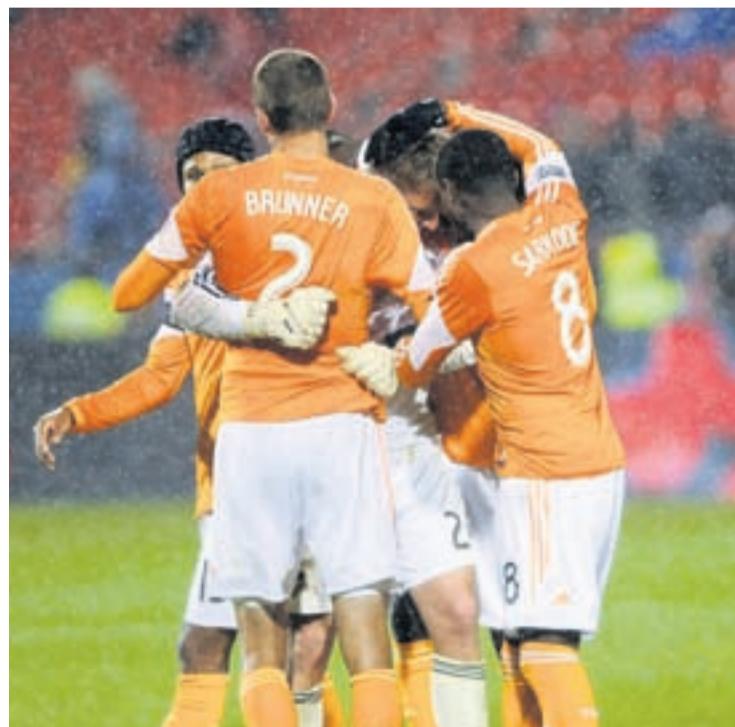
few more weeks left in the season," Murray said. "I've played some pretty good tennis."

Sixth-seeded Tomas Berdych also reached the quarterfinals, beating Ivo Karlovic 6-3, 6-4.

The Czech player is the only seed remaining on the bottom half of the draw after Nadal, Stan Wawrinka, Marin Cilic, Milos Raonic

and Ernest Gulbis were all knocked out. No. 13-seeded John Isner also lost Thursday to Spaniard Feliciano Lopez, 6-3, 6-4.

Berdych will next face Gilles Simon of France in the quarterfinals, while Lopez takes on Russian Mikhail Youzhny. Federer plays French veteran Julien Benneteau, who defeated Jack Sock of the United States, 6-3, 6-4. □



Houston Dynamo defender Eric Brunner, left, and Kofi Sarkodie hug goalie Tyler Deric at the end of the second half of MLS soccer action against Toronto FC in Toronto on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014. Houston Dynamo beat Toronto FC 1-0.

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MLS Roundup

Portland, Houston boost MLS playoff hopes

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)

— Portland comfortably beat San Jose and ten-man Houston posted a valuable win at Toronto on Wednesday as both teams boosted their chances of moving into the MLS playoff positions. Portland's Diego Valeri scored twice as the Timbers defeated the Earthquakes 3-0 to move into fifth place in the Western Conference; the last playoff-yielding position. Portland is two points ahead of Vancouver,

though the Canadian club has a game in hand.

Rodney Wallace opened the scoring in the 41st minute, taking a pass from Darlington Nagbe and blasting home from 10 yards for his third goal in two games.

Valeri converted a penalty early in the second half after Wallace was fouled. Valeri capped the scoring in the 74th minute, knocking in the rebound after a Wallace shot was blocked. Houston's Giles Barnes scored the sole goal as the Dynamo rode their luck for

a 1-0 win at Toronto.

Barnes scored in the 35th minute, taking a pass from Kofi Sarkodie down the flank and beating rookie defender Nick Hagglund and goalkeeper Joe Bendik.

Houston goalkeeper Tyler Deric saved Jermain Defoe's 58th-minute penalty attempt, after defender A.J. Cochran was sent off for dragging down Luke Moore. Houston moved within a point of Toronto, which is three points off a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. □

NHL Capsules

Bruins beat Flyers 2-1 in season opener

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Chris Kelly scored the tiebreaking goal with 1:51 left in the third period, and Tuukka Rask made 21 saves to lead the Boston Bruins to a 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers in their season opener Wednesday night.

Reilly Smith also scored for Boston, which finished with the best record in the NHL last season but couldn't get past the second round of the playoffs.

Sean Couturier scored for Philadelphia, and Steve Mason stopped 31 shots.

It was 1-all when Mason deflected Adam McQuaid's slap shot from the blue line into the air. The puck came down in the crease, and Kelly swiped it in.

SHARKS 4, KINGS 0

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tommy Wingels scored two goals, Antti Niemi made 34 saves in his 28th career shutout, and San Jose crashed the Stanley Cup banner celebration in Los Angeles.

The Kings raised their championship banner to the Staples Center rafters in a pregame ceremony commemorating their 26-game playoff run to their second title in three years. Los Angeles started that charge by rallying from a 3-0 series deficit in the first round against the Sharks, who exacted a bit of belated revenge.

Patrick Marleau had a goal and an assist. Wingels and Matt Nieto scored 14 seconds apart in a three-



Los Angeles Kings right wing Dustin Brown, center, raises the Stanley Cup before the Stanley Cup Championship banner is revealed prior to an NHL hockey game against the San Jose Sharks, Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

goal second period that sent the Sharks to their NHL-best fifth straight season-opening victory.

Jonathan Quick stopped 23 shots for the Kings, but was replaced by Martin Jones in the third period. The home team had won 20 of the last 22 games in this rivalry.

CANADIENS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 3

TORONTO (AP) — Tomas Plekanec banked a shot off Toronto defenseman Stuart Percy's skate with 43 seconds left to lift Montreal past the Maple Leafs in their season opener.

Plekanec scored his second goal of the game after Morgan Rielly tied it for Toronto with 2:19 to play. P.K. Subban and Max Pacioretty also scored for Montreal, and Carey Price made 24 saves.

Nazem Kadri and Tyler Bozak added goals for Toronto, and Jonathan Bernier stopped 28 shots. Plekanec tied it 2-all at 4:34 of the second period, beating Bernier with a backhander. Subban gave the Canadiens the lead at 8:41 of the third period with a shot from the high slot.

CANUCKS 4, FLAMES 2

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Ryan Miller made 23 saves in his Vancouver debut, and the Canucks beat Calgary to give new coach Willie Desjardins a victory in his first game at the helm. Zack Kassian scored for Vancouver to snap a 1-all tie early in the second period, and Radim Vrbata made it a two-goal cushion at 11:07. Vrbata's goal was initially waived off for

a high stick, but the call was changed following a replay review.

Alex Burrows also scored and captain Henrik Sedin added an empty-net goal for the Canucks, who extended their winning streak against Calgary to eight games in a row. Paul Byron and Jiri Hudler had the goals for the Flames.



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Royals, Orioles: A study in contrasting offenses

By DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer

The surprising Kansas City Royals and unflappable Baltimore Orioles are extremely similar with one significant exception: the fashion in which they score runs. The team that best utilizes its standard method of offense will likely win the best-of-seven AL Championship Series, which begins Friday night.

Get ready for small ball versus long ball.

Back in April, few could have predicted these two teams would be the last standing in the American League. But the fashion in which they got here - with stunningly easy sweeps in the Division Series - makes this matchup intriguing.

Even more interesting is



Kansas City Royals designated hitter Billy Butler (16) scores at home plate against Los Angeles Angels catcher Chris Iannetta (17) on a three-RBI double by Alex Gordon during the first inning of Game 3 of baseball's AL Division Series in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014.

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ferred method of offense will likely be working in the World Series.

"Obviously, we'll be asked to keep the Orioles in check in terms of their power and the big inning," said Royals right-hander Jeremy Guthrie, who pitched for Baltimore from 2007-11. "On the flip side, the Orioles pitchers will be asked to try and keep our guys off base and not allow us to string together a couple of hits to get us runs."

It's really that simple.

"The best way to keep them from stealing is to keep them off the bases. That's our first goal," Baltimore reliever Tommy Hunter said. "I'm not too worried about it. You know they're fast, you know they run. Hopefully they run into outs."

That doesn't mean Kansas City can't go deep, or the Orioles are unable to run. It's just that each team has adopted the style best suited for its own stadium.

"The Royals can hit home runs.

They just play in a big ballpark," Baltimore center fielder Adam Jones said.

"They've got guys who can drive the ball, and we've also got guys who can run. In our ballpark it brings a different dynamic because it's smaller, in their ballpark, it brings a different dynamic because it's bigger. But we've got some hairy guys on our team. If we're hitting in the Grand Canyon, we can still put 'em out."

Cruz homered in the Orioles' clinching win over Detroit on Sunday, and just a few hours later Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas each contributed a two-run shot in the Royals' 8-3 win over L.A. "Home runs are definitely a difference-maker in the game," Butler said.

"That's what we've done in the playoffs. We've had home runs win games, but that hasn't been the way we won games throughout the season. Still, they're good to have when you get them."

The pitching matchup Friday pits Kansas City's James Shields against right-hander Chris Tillman. □

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NFL teams are cranking up the jams

ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colorado

(AP) — To get ready to face the Seattle Seahawks' ear-piercing crowd, the Denver Broncos turned to Lil Wayne, Jerimih, Ozzy Osbourne and Pharrell Williams.

Like many other NFL teams, the Broncos have dialed down the old jet engine noise that roared through their concert-sized speakers at practice. Now, like so many teenagers, they crank up the jams to body-shivering, brain-rattling volume.

Led Zeppelin. Nicki Minaj. Ariana Grande.

Teams have long used piped-in sound to make it harder for players on both sides of the ball to communicate. Adding songs — some that players may want to dance to, others that make them cringe — makes them have to concentrate even harder.

Tight end Julius Thomas casually mentioned to Broncos offensive coordinator Adam Gase this spring that it's harder to concentrate

to music. Denver ditched the crowd noise and joined the growing list of teams piping in melodies to mess with their players' minds. "The white noise is easier to block out," Thomas said. "When they play music, it makes it a bit tougher. Just noise isn't as distracting as maybe a song that you recognize. Say you're hearing a song that in your off time you enjoy and you sing along to, when you're able to block that out, then you're able to do your best to block out crowd noise. "It's much better than just AAAHHH! After a while you just stop hearing it," Thomas added.

NFL coaches are sure listening. Sixteen NFL teams pump music into their practices and another eight use a mixture of songs and the old crowd noise. Seven still use just the white noise and one team — the St. Louis Rams — don't use any form of noise.

In St. Louis, sometimes players not in formation are told to stand behind the quarterback and shout and



In this July 31, 2014, file photo, Tennessee Titans line up to run a drill in front of a large speaker during NFL football training camp in Nashville, Tenn.

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jump around.

"If you make a big deal of a crowd noise then it becomes a big deal during the game," Rams coach Jeff Fisher explained. "So in camp, we had a few drills in the back of the end zone and that's all we do."

The rest of the league believes practicing in the ca-

cophony is just as important as running plays.

"There's some songs out there that you might want to bob your head to, but you have to stay focused and know what we're doing out there," Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson said.

The New York Jets use both

music and crowd noise, changing the mix depending on the upcoming trip. If it's a particularly tough place to visit like, say, Green Bay, they'll go with more jet engine noise. For home games, they'll even pump in some "J-E-T-S" chants for their players' benefit.



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick (7) is pressured by Philadelphia Eagles outside linebacker Connor Barwin before being sacked by Barwin and Trent Cole during the first quarter of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014.

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SANTA CLARA, California **(AP)** — San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaeper-

nick says he has been fined \$10,000 by the NFL for the pink "Beats by Dre" brand

name headphones he wore around his neck after Sunday's game.

While Kaepernick has an endorsement deal with Beats and has done a commercial, the league's contract is with Bose. Wearing the pink version for October breast cancer awareness month, Kaepernick knew he could be subject to a fine after the 22-17 win on Sunday.

Yet it's more than the \$8,286 fine the Denver Broncos' Julius Thomas faces for a chop block on Arizona Cardinals defensive end Calais Campbell.

Kaepernick took to Twitter on Thursday to explain his decision and posted a photo of him with the headphones: "I support breast cancer awareness! My grandma is a survivor!"

He declined to say whether Beats would pick up the cost of his fine, saying, "we'll let that be unanswered."

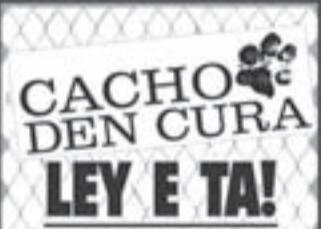
In early June, Kaepernick — one of the NFL's most dynamic young playcallers — received a \$126 million, six-year contract extension that keeps him with the organization through the 2020 season. The deal includes \$61 million in guaranteed money.

49ers' Colin Kaepernick fined \$10K for headphones



Jermain Taylor, left, puts pressure on Sam Soliman during the IBF middleweight championship on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014, at Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi, Miss.

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Stacy Lewis of the United States watches her shot on the 16th hole during the first round of the LPGA Malaysia golf tournament at Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014.

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Stacy Lewis leads by 1 in LPGA's Malaysian event

KUALA

LUMPUR,

Malaysia (AP)—Top-ranked Stacy Lewis shot a 6-under 65 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead at the Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia, the second event of the tour's six-tournament Asian swing.

Lewis birdied the par-5 16th hole to break away from a tight leaderboard at the Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club. Tied for second were the South Korean quartet of Na Yeon Choi, Hee Young Park, Eun Hee Ji and So Yeon Ryu.

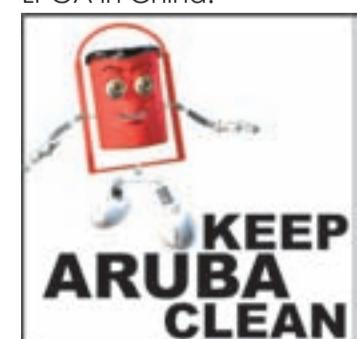
Golfers from South Korea have won six of the last seven LPGA tournaments. Amy Yang of South Korea and China's Shanshan Feng were among a group tied

for sixth after shooting 67. Natalie Gulbis shot 69, Karrie Webb carded 70, and Lexi Thompson — who won by four strokes here last year — had a 71. Paula Creamer shot 75.

"My goal was to shoot a 1 or 2 under on the front and I got off to a good start," Lewis said. "It was kind of shaky on the first three holes but I just hung in there and gave myself a lot of birdie chances and I was fortunate to make a few. So it was a little bit of an ugly round, but I got a lot out of it."

Choi, who teed off from the 10th, said she was pleased to be only one stroke behind after nearly putting her ball in the water on her approach on the par-4 second hole, her 11th of the day.

"I had one bogey out there, but I was lucky the ball did not roll into the water," Choi said. "I hope to come back with a good feeling tomorrow."



Feng finished tied for 49th in her native China last week, and was happy to be playing away from home this week.

"I'm more relaxed," Feng said. "Last week, I think people wanted me to win again, and I told everybody I was not going to give myself pressure, but I think I still did a little bit. I tried too hard and actually it went the wrong way."

Last week, South Korea's Mirim Lee won the Reignwood Classic in Beijing for her second victory of the year. The LPGA KEB-HanaBank is next week in South Korea, followed by the Blue Bay LPGA in China.

A Closer Look: What map apps can do for you

By ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Many people use smartphone apps to map their drive to dinner or find a less-congested route to work. But did you know that you can use them for public transit, too? You can even access some maps offline, when you have a spotty connection or are in the subway. Here's a look at what leading free map apps can do for you, whatever mode of transportation you choose:

BUMPER TO BUMPER

Most major map apps show you current traffic conditions. The best guide you toward a little-known shortcut or less-obvious route to avoid congestion.

If you're in a traffic mecca such as Los Angeles, Waze is the app for you. Users update the map with the latest conditions, even reporting cars parked on the shoulder. Over the summer, several relatives and I left at the same time in three different cars for a theater in Hollywood. Only the driver using Waze got there in time. Google bought Waze last year, so Google Maps now factors in Waze's user contributions, too.

The Here app for Windows also will help you find the speediest route. But it doesn't want you to get a ticket. The app knows



This combination of screen shots shows mapping apps, from left, Apple Maps for iPhones, Microsoft Here for Lumia-branded Windows phones, and Google Maps for Android. Mapping apps have grown more sophisticated in the last five years.

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speed limits for various roads and will beep when you go over, even by a small amount. (My travel companion turned that feature off by the first rest stop on a weekend trip to New Hampshire.)

TAKING A STROLL?

Map apps give you the choice to input what mode of transportation you plan to take on your route. It's worth clicking "walk" if you're hoofing it to your destination. Otherwise you might end up on a six-lane highway, miss shortcuts such as recreational paths and go out of your way tak-

ing one-way streets. I eliminated a one-block detour using Google Maps' walk-specific directions to visit a friend in Chicago, for instance. Apple Maps is very user-friendly for walkers. As you walk, the distance displayed decreases, but the map itself doesn't change. That confused me at first, but I came to appreciate it. Other apps tend to constantly refresh depending on where you are and how you're holding the phone, which can be headache-inducing as you move your hand or arms. With Apple Maps, the direction you should be heading toward

is on top, and the streets are fixed on right angles.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

If you choose transit on Google Maps, it will include the walk to and from the bus or subway stop in its directions. Apple Maps doesn't offer transit directions, but it will suggest transit apps you can install. I've been a fan of HopStop, one of the first transit apps, though I typically gravitate back to Google because it offers driving and walking directions in the same app.

SYNCING WITH PERSONAL COMPUTERS

You're comparing restaurants on your laptop at home, and you don't want to duplicate efforts when you leave the house. If you use Apple Maps, you can research places and directions on the Mac's Maps app and hit a share button to send the destination to your iPhone or iPad. From the mobile device, you simply tap on that location to get voice-guided directions. Google offers something similar, though it's not as precise in practice. If I look up a destination on Google Maps on a Mac or Windows computer, the place is usually already there when I check my phone, as long as I've signed in to my Google account. It's more automated than Apple's approach, but sometimes the destination I need isn't there. Other times, the app is cluttered with places I've searched for before but wasn't necessarily intending to go to. Either way, it beats retyping everything on a phone's small keyboard.

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EBay brands itself as a place to 'shop the world'

MAE ANDERSON

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — E-commerce site eBay is kicking off a global branding campaign that aims to draw attention to the wide array of goods it has available ahead of the holiday shopping season.

It's the first time eBay has created a campaign with the same message across four of its biggest markets: the U.S., Australia, Germany and the U.K., with more countries expected to be added in 2015. And

it comes as eBay preps for a split next year with payments unit PayPal, its fastest growing segment.

Central to the campaign is an ad that will run in 15-, 30- and 60-second versions that shows goods like a surfboard and a smartphone in action in scenes around the world, as well as iconic images like Dorothy's red shoes in the "Wizard of Oz" and the guitar of rock legend Jimi Hendrix. Then it cuts to items shoppers were inspired to buy.

"It's a great big world and

it can all be yours here and only here," a voiceover states.

The goal is to put eBay at the forefront of shoppers' minds leading up to the holiday season, said Chief Marketing Officer Richelle Parham.

The campaign aims to "drive great traffic into the eBay stores of our sellers," she said. The company, which is based in San Jose, California, doesn't sell items itself but provides the platform for third parties to sell goods.



This Tuesday, July 16, 2013 file photo shows a sign at eBay headquarters in San Jose, Calif.

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Parham added that the campaign will help people understand the "real eBay" as it works to shed its image as an auction site and become known globally as an overall e-commerce

retailer. Parham noted that 80 percent of the items on the site are new and 78 percent are fixed-price merchandise. The ad starts running on TV and online Monday.

Dow plunges 334, its worst day of 2014

KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Just one day after the market had its best day of 2014, it had its worst day of 2014.

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged 334 points on Thursday as a decline in energy stocks and worries about the global economy sent investors fleeing out of the market. It was the biggest point drop since June 2013.

It was also the third straight day investors have been taken on a wild roller coaster ride. On Tuesday the Dow fell 272 points, only to jump 275 points on Wednesday. While 100-plus moves in the Dow have become more common as stocks have risen to record highs, 200-plus point moves had been rare until this week. More than half of this year's 200-point moves have happened in the last two weeks.

The VIX, a measure of volatility that is sometimes called Wall Street's "fear index," jumped 26 percent to its highest level since February.

"The violent gyrations are causing havoc for fund managers and active investors (who were) hoping for a smooth fourth quarter," said Todd Schoenberger of J. Streicher Asset Management.

After more than three years of the stock market moving quietly, steadily higher, volatility is back and in a big way, market observers say. The stock market hasn't seen day-to-day movements like this since August 2011, when Stan-

dard & Poor's downgraded the United States' credit rating. The S&P downgrade subsequently pushed the U.S. stock market into its last "correction," a technical

Thursday. All 30 members of the blue chip Dow index fell and 482 of the 500 companies in the S&P 500 index ended the day lower. Worries about the global

largest economy may fall into recession. Earlier in the week, the IMF cut its outlook for this year and next for the global economy, citing weakness in Japan,



Trader Steven Kaplan, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Just one day after the market had its best day of 2014, it had its worst day of 2014 as the Dow Jones plunged 334 points on Thursday as a decline in energy stocks sent investors fleeing out of the market.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

term for when stocks fall 10 percent or more from a recent peak.

Stocks fell at the opening of trading Thursday, and the selling accelerated once European markets closed at midday Eastern time.

By the end of the day, the Dow had lost 334.97 points, or 2 percent, to 16,659.25. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 40.68 points, or 2.1 percent, to 1,928.21 and the Nasdaq composite fell 90.26 points, or 2 percent, to 4,378.34.

Few companies were spared from the selling

economy, particularly in Europe and Asia, were once again center stage.

A large part of Thursday's selling happened in energy stocks, particularly oil and coal companies.

The price of oil fell sharply again Thursday, continuing its multi-week decline, on concerns that global oil production remains high despite signs that global demand is slowing. A report showed Germany exports sank 5.8 percent in August, the biggest monthly drop in five years. The figure raises concerns that Europe's

Latin America and particularly Europe.

"Europe is struggling. Asia is struggling. Japan is struggling. The United States is the best house on the block at the moment," said Jurrien Timmer, director of global macro at Fidelity Investments.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell \$1.54 to \$85.77 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, a third straight decline of more than 1.5 percent. Oil is now 20 percent below its 2014 peak of \$107.26 a barrel, reached in late June. □

Citigroup plans IPO for subprime lending unit

MICHAEL CORKERY
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In a long-awaited move, Citigroup's lending unit, OneMain Financial, is preparing for a \$50 million initial public offering.

The spinoff of OneMain, which makes personal loans often to consumers with damaged credit, comes five years after Citigroup first signaled that it intended to jettison the

business. The bank has said OneMain no longer fits with its strategy of catering to more affluent consumers, but previous attempts to sell the business have fallen through. Citigroup is the sole bookrunner on the IPO, OneMain disclosed in a regulatory filing Wednesday. Citigroup is also pursuing an outright sale of the lender, which has an extensive branch network in

43 states, people briefed on the matter say. It's not clear when an IPO might occur, though the people said it could take place by the end of the year. The \$50 million is a placeholder amount and is likely to change closer to the offering date.

OneMain is looking to capitalize on the subprime lending market in the United States that many large

banks fled after the financial crisis. OneMain's loans, which carry interest of up to 36 percent, are often used by borrowers to pay for medical bills and auto repairs.

Since Springleaf Holdings, the former consumer lending unit of American International Group, went public last fall, its shares have increased nearly 70 percent. □

STREET BRIEFS

Symantec says it will split into two companies

NEW YORK (AP) — Security software maker Symantec plans to split itself into two companies, with one focused on security and the other on information management. The company is planning a tax-free spinoff and wants to complete the split by the end of 2015. Symantec says separating its businesses will create greater growth opportunities and more value for its shareholders. The security business provides services including data encryption, user authentication, and mail, web and data center security. The Mountain View, California, company says the unit had about \$4.2 billion in revenue in its latest fiscal year. The information management company's services will include backup and recovery, archiving and storage management. Symantec says it had \$2.5 billion in annual revenue.

Report: Amazon to open new brick and mortar store

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon is planning to open its first physical store. That's according to a report in The Wall Street Journal that said Thursday the largest U.S. e-commerce retailer will open a store in Manhattan ahead of the holiday shopping season. It cites anonymous sources familiar with the matter.

It is not clear if the store will be permanent or a holiday pop up. The newspaper says the store could function as a warehouse and a showcase for inventory. Amazon has never opened a brick-and-mortar store but has installed pick-up lockers in major cities. It has been investing heavily in the speedy fulfillment of orders, including adding six new distribution centers and about 15 sortation centers before the holidays. □

Kindred Healthcare buying Gentiva in \$719.6M deal

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kindred Healthcare Inc. is buying home health and hospice care provider Gentiva Health Services Inc. in a cash-and-stock deal valued at about \$719.6 million, sealing a deal after previous rejections by Gentiva. Kindred will pay \$14.50 per share in cash and \$5 of its common stock for each share of Gentiva, whose board approved the deal. The companies put the transaction's value at \$1.8 billion, including the assumption of debt.

Kindred and Gentiva said that the combined company will be the largest operator of long-term acute care hospitals and inpatient rehabilitation facilities in the U.S. and the country's largest provider of rehabilitation, home health and hospice services. It is expected to have annual revenue of approximately \$7.1 billion. Kindred initially went public in May with an offer to buy Gentiva at \$14 per share. It later raised its bid to \$14.50 per share, but Gentiva re-

jected both of those offers. In July Gentiva said that it had received a competing bid from an undisclosed party that valued Gentiva at \$17.25 per share, and said that it would review that proposal. That same month Kindred said it would pay \$16 per share in cash to buy up to a 14.9 percent stake in Gentiva. That would have made Kindred Gentiva's biggest shareholder, but would have fallen short of the 15 percent limit imposed by a

shareholder rights plan, or "poison pill" measure, that Gentiva's board adopted after Kindred started bidding for the company.

It appears that the two companies were able to come to an agreement since that time.

The combined home health and hospice businesses will operate within the Kindred at Home division and be based in Louisville, Kentucky. It will keep a significant regional presence in Atlanta, where Gentiva is based.

Kindred expects the acquisition to immediately add to its earnings, excluding transaction and integration costs.

Both companies' boards unanimously approved the deal, which is targeted to close in 2015's first quarter. It still needs approval from Gentiva stockholders.

Shares of Gentiva jumped \$2.41, or 14.4 percent, to \$19.12 in premarket trading shortly before the market open, while Kindred's stock rose 91 cents, or 4.6 percent, to \$20.65. □

Icahn wants more Apple buybacks, sees \$203 stock

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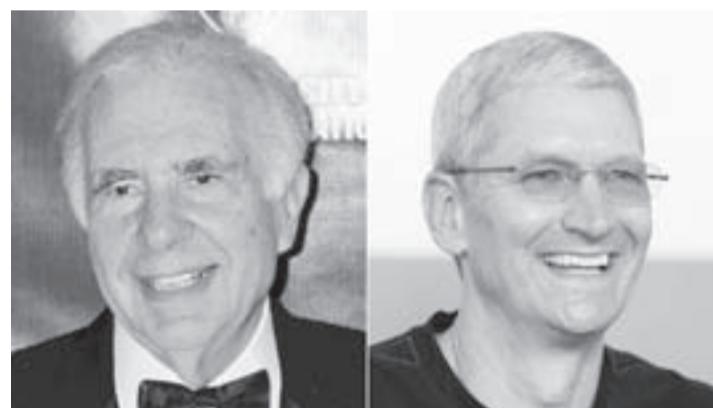
TOM MURPHY

AP Business Writers

Carl Icahn just can't help himself. The billionaire activist investor lobbied Apple earlier this year to buy back billions worth of its shares to boost value to shareholders. In April Apple boosted its buyback plans by \$30 billion and even split its stock for the first time in nine years. Satisfied? Never. Icahn's taking another swing at getting Apple to buy back more stock, saying the shares could double to more than \$200 apiece. In a letter Thursday to Tim Cook, the iPhone maker's CEO, Icahn called on him to throw his weight behind

more share repurchases. In return, he promises that he wouldn't sell back any of his roughly 53 million Apple Inc. shares. That represents about 1 percent of Apple's total 6 billion shares outstanding.

Icahn said in the lengthy letter that he's not criticizing Cook, whom he called the "ideal CEO for Apple." But the investor pushed his belief that the Cupertino, California company's shares are incredibly cheap. "You have said that the company likes to be 'opportunistic' when repurchasing shares and we appreciate that," Icahn wrote. "With this letter we simply hope to express to you that now is a very op-



This combination made with file photos shows activist investor Carl Icahn, left, and Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook. In a letter dated Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, Icahn asked Cook to give the Apple's board a plan to meaningfully increase share repurchases. In return, the billionaire investor promises not to offer up any of his roughly 53 million Apple Inc. shares in the repurchase.

(AP Photos/Henny Ray Abrams, Tony Avelar)

portunistic time to do so." Apple shares closed at \$100.80 on Wednesday — half of what Icahn thinks

is "appropriate," given his bullish growth forecasts and the company's \$133 billion cash stockpile. Speaking

on CNBC on Thursday, the financier suggested Apple conduct "a massive tender offer" of as much as \$100 billion, although he added, "maybe I'm exaggerating a little bit."

"We always appreciate hearing from our shareholders," Apple responded in a statement. "Since 2013 we've been aggressively executing the largest capital return program in corporate history. As we've said before, we will review the program annually and take into account the input from all of our shareholders."

Icahn said he had a "very friendly" conversation with Cook before making the letter public. □

Endo Intl to buy Auxilium in deal worth \$2.6B

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AP Business Writer

Ireland's Endo International is planning to buy Auxilium Pharmaceuticals in a sweetened cash-and-stock deal valued at \$2.6 billion a few weeks after Auxilium rejected a lower bid. The Auxilium board embraced the latest offer but its shareholders get to vote on it. Endo said Thursday that it will pay \$33.25 in cash and stock for each Auxilium share. That represents a 55 percent premium to Auxilium's closing price on Sept. 16, the day Endo went public with its acquisition

attempt.

Endo International PLC initially offered \$28.10 per share in a bid valued at \$2.2 billion, which like the revised offer includes the assumption of debt. But Auxilium Pharmaceuticals Inc. said on Sept. 22 that the bid undervalued its business, and it recommended that shareholders vote for a separate, all-stock combination with Canadian eye drugmaker QLT Inc.

Auxilium, which is based in Chesterbrook, Pennsylvania, also said a day after Endo announced its initial bid that its board had ad-

opted a "poison pill" shareholder rights plan to discourage unsolicited takeovers. Last Friday, Auxilium said that it ended its proposed deal with QLT. The boards of both Endo and Auxilium have unanimously approved the higher bid. If Auxilium shareholders approve the deal, the companies expect the deal to close in the first half of next year. Auxilium shareholders will be able to choose an all-cash, all-stock or cash-and-stock payment in the revised bid. Auxilium is struggling with reduced sales of its testosterone gel Testim

and said last month that it would cut about 190 jobs, or 30 percent of its workforce, as part of a plan to save \$75 million per year. The company also makes Xiaflex, a drug approved to treat two rare conditions: Dupuytren's contracture, which makes the tendons of the hand thicken and shorten, and Peyronie's disease, which causes abnormal curvature of the penis. Endo has transformed itself from a drug company to a larger drug and medical device maker over the course of several years and a spate of acquisitions. It

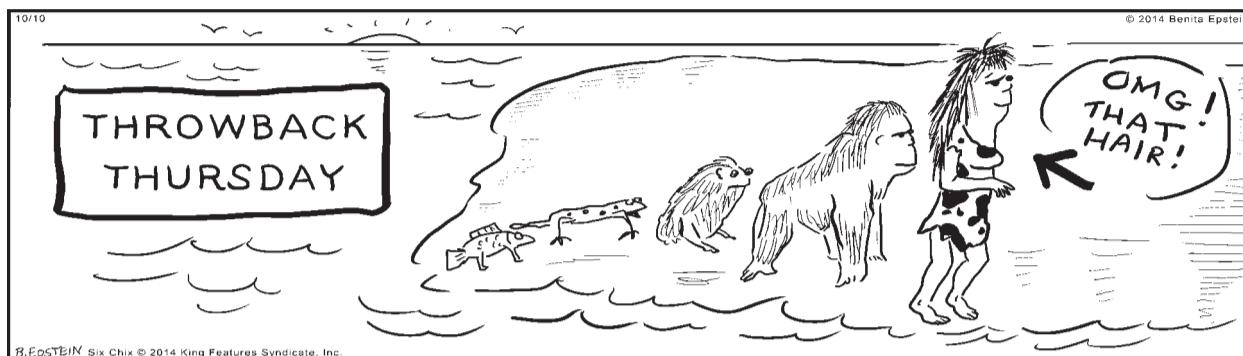
moved its headquarters to Dublin, Ireland, from the United States as part of a \$1.5 billion purchase of Paladin Labs the company announced last year. It also changed its name to Endo International PLC from Endo Health Solutions.

Shares of Auxilium jumped nearly 11 percent, or \$3.18, to \$32.94 in premarket trading Thursday about an hour before markets opened. That put the stock up 59 percent so far this year. Meanwhile, U.S.-traded shares of Endo fell \$1.34, or 1.9 percent, to \$69.66 in premarket trading. □

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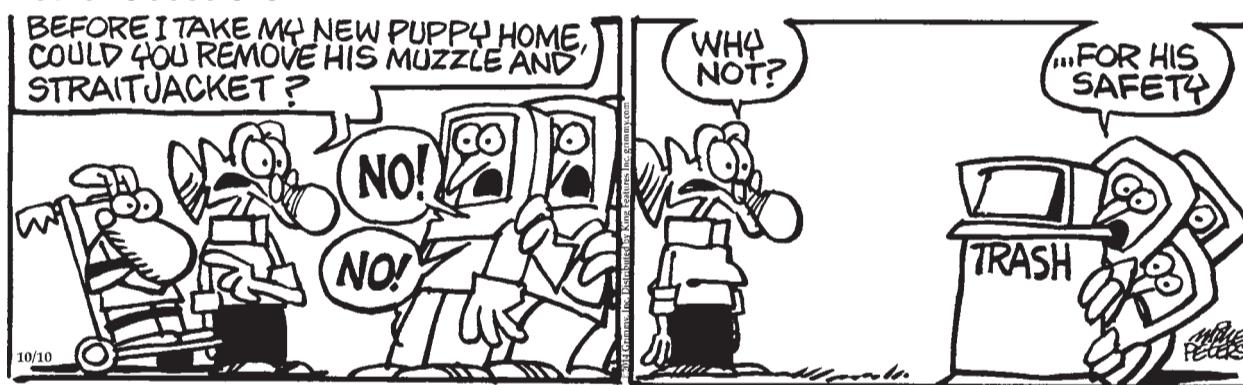
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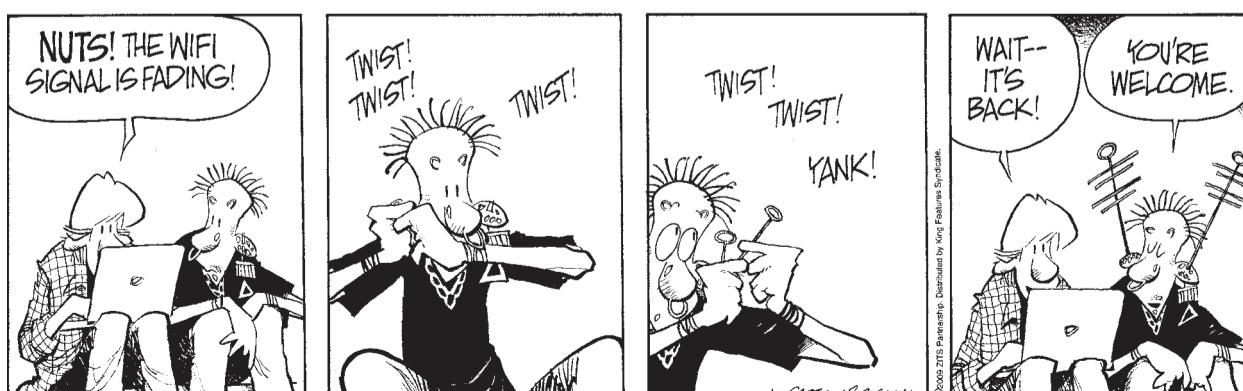
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Mexico's junk food taxes hitting Pepsi, Coke

CANDICE CHOI
AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — No wonder Coke and Pepsi are spending millions of dollars to fight proposed taxes on sugary drinks in California. PepsiCo reported a higher quarterly profit Thursday as global sales rose, but one weak spot was Mexico. The company said snacks sales

The taxes in Mexico add one peso, about 7 cents, to the cost of a liter of sugary drinks, and 5 percent of the price to foods with 275 calories or more per 100 grams.

It's not yet clear whether the taxes' impact on consumption will last or how significant it will be over time. And while PepsiCo monitors



Girls photograph themselves in front of a Coca-Cola logo, outside a Coca-Cola store in Mexico City, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014. Recent declines suffered by Coke and Pepsi in Mexico underscore why the beverage industry is fighting tax proposals on sugary drinks in San Francisco and Berkeley, Calif.

(AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

volume declined 3 percent, hurt by a new tax on junk foods.

Recent declines suffered by Pepsi and Coke in Mexico underscore why the beverage industry is fighting tax proposals on sugary drinks in San Francisco and nearby Berkeley.

PepsiCo, which makes Frito-Lay chips, Gatorade and Tropicana, reported similar declines in its snacks business for the first half of the year, starting when the tax went into effect.

Coca-Cola, which reports its third quarter results Oct. 21, has also reported beverage volume declines in Mexico for the first half of the year, citing a similar tax on drinks. Mexico has the world's highest per capita consumption of Coca-Cola drinks.

Hugh Johnston, chief financial officer for PepsiCo, said in a phone interview that declines in Mexico were in line with what the company expected. To mitigate the impact of the tax, he said PepsiCo plans to target different package sizes for different outlets.

such tax initiatives around the world, Johnston said he doesn't expect them to become more common.

In the U.S., San Francisco and Berkeley are seeking to become the first cities to pass per-ounce taxes on sugary drinks in the upcoming November election. The measures are being closely watched because many say defeats in the Bay Area, which is known for its liberal politics, would be a major blow to advocates of such taxes as a way to improve nutrition. Similar measures in other U.S. cities have failed.

Health advocates have pushed taxes as a tool to cut consumption of calorie-laden junk food, similar to tactics that have successfully been used against cigarettes. Makers of such products say they are being unfairly singled out. During a conference call with analysts and investors, PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi addressed the measures in California and said she believed such "discriminatory taxes" are "wrong."

"We will make our case

and hope the voters are sensible enough to look at the right answer," Nooyi said.

Since the start of this year, the American Beverage Association contributed \$7.7 million to defeat the proposal in San Francisco alone, according to a filing made this week.

That's far more than the \$391,000 in contributions reported by supporters of the tax over the same time. In the meantime, the beverage industry has touted its commitment to reducing the calories people consume from drinks by more aggressively marketing drinks with less sugar.

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Satellite sees hot spot of methane in U.S. Southwest

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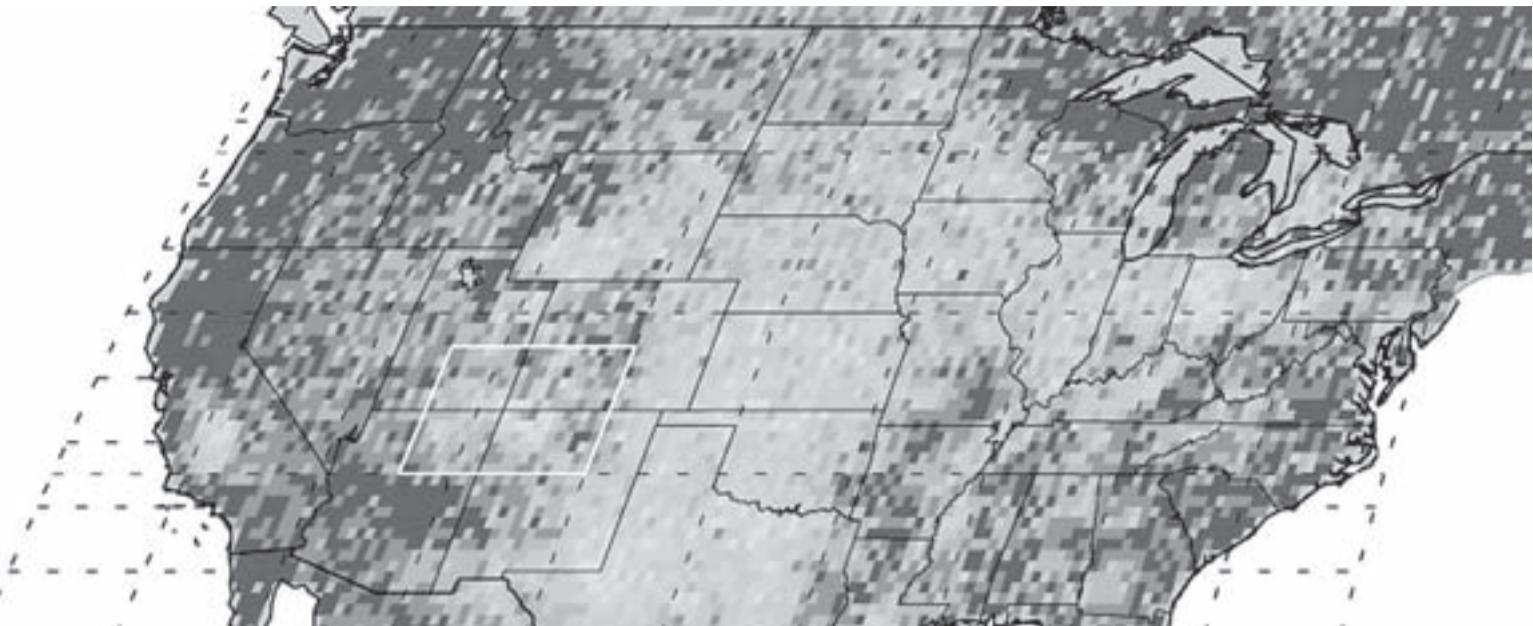
WASHINGTON (AP) — A surprising hot spot of the potent global-warming gas methane hovers over part of the southwestern U.S., according to satellite data. That result hints that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency considerably underestimates leaks of methane, which is also called natural gas.

A satellite image of atmospheric methane concentrations over the continental U.S. shows a bright red blip over the Four Corners area of New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah. The image used data from 2003 to 2009.

Within that hot spot, a European satellite found atmospheric methane concentrations equivalent to emissions of about 1.3 million pounds (0.60 million kilograms) a year. That's about 80 percent more than the EPA figured. Other ground-based studies have calculated that EPA estimates were off by 50 percent.

The methane concentration in the hot spot was more than triple the amount previously estimated by European scientists. The new study, done by NASA and the University of Michigan, was released Thursday by the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*.

The amount of methane in the Four Corners — an area covering about 2,500 square miles (6,500 sq. kilometers) — would trap more heat in the atmosphere than all the carbon dioxide produced yearly in Sweden. That's because methane is 86 times more potent for trapping heat in



This undated handout image provided by NASA/JPL-Caltech/University of Michigan, shows The Four Corners area, in red, left, is the major US hot spot for methane emissions in this map showing how much emissions varied from average background concentrations from 2003-2009 (dark colors are lower than average; lighter colors are higher).

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the short-term than carbon dioxide.

"It's the largest signal we can see from the satellite," said study lead author Eric Kort, a University of Michigan atmospheric scientist. "It's hard to hide from space."

There could be some areas elsewhere in the country where more methane is emitted if it is dispersed by wind, Kort said.

Kort said the methane likely comes from leaks as workers extract natural gas from coal beds, and not from hydraulic fracturing, called fracking, because the data were collected before fracking really caught on.

The results were so initially surprising to the scientists that they waited several years and then used ground monitors to verify what they saw from space, Kort said.

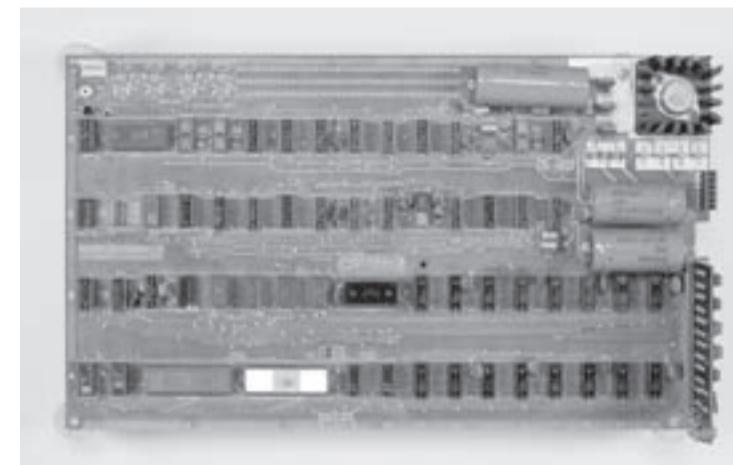
Several methane experts said the research makes sense to them and that

the detected methane amount is disturbing.

"That is immense," Terry Engelder, a scientist at Penn-

sylvania State University, wrote in an email. □

Darwin note, early Apple computer being auctioned



This undated photo provided by Bonhams shows a vintage 1976 Apple 1 computer that is among the items being offered for auction on Oct. 22, 2014 by Bonhams auction house in New York.

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NEW YORK (AP) — A letter by Charles Darwin on the sex life of barnacles and a still-working vintage Apple computer — one of only 50 made in Steve Jobs' garage in 1976 — are among the unique pieces of science history up for auction this month.

Buyers at the Oct. 22 event at Bonhams will need deep pockets. The Steve Wozniak-designed Apple 1 computer is estimated to bring \$300,000 to \$500,000. One sold at auction last

year for \$671,000.

For something really exotic, potential buyers can fork over an estimated \$150,000 to \$250,000 for a Manhattan Project viewing window that shielded scientists on the secret World War II bomb project from radiation. The clear yellow glass, measuring approximately 3 feet by 4 feet (almost a meter by 1.2 meters) and weighing 1,500 pounds (680 kilograms), contains 70 percent lead oxide.

"It's the first time a full window from the Manhattan Project has come on the

market," said Cassandra Hatton, Bonhams' specialist on the history of science. The auction also has a wide range of globes and other technological instruments. They include the earliest electric keyboard, a rare 1905 Helmholtz sound synthesizer with a pre-sale estimate of \$20,000 to \$30,000. Hatton says this is Bonhams' first sale in New York of artifacts of science and technology, which has become a growing area of interest among tech-savvy buyers.

Darwin's 1857 letter to a colleague about barnacles is "classic Darwin" and "definitely amusing," said David Kohn, director and general editor of the Darwin Manuscripts Project at the American Museum of Natural History. "It's Darwin's passion for the meaning of sex," Kohn said.

In the letter, estimated to bring \$20,000 to \$30,000, Darwin says he wants to learn more about the sex act of barnacles, such things as "were the specimens under water at times" and "if the recipient was in full vigor?" □

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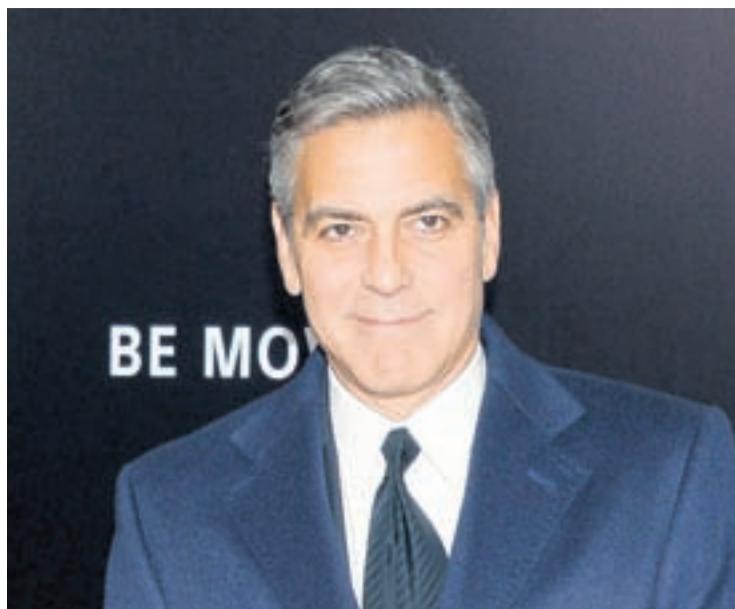
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In this Feb. 4, 2014 file, director and actor George Clooney attends the premiere of "The Monuments Men" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York.

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Clooney makes surprise Comic-Con appearance

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NEW YORK (AP) — Newly married George Clooney surprised fans with an appearance at New York Comic-Con on Thursday. Fresh off his Sept. 27 wedding to human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin in Venice, Italy,

Clooney made a cameo on the Javits Center stage during a panel discussion for the upcoming Disney fantasy film, "Tomorrowland."

To thunderous applause, Clooney told fans that it

wasn't lost on him "that I'm spending my honeymoon at Comic-Con." He joked that after his widely panned "Batman & Robin," he had been "de-invited" from Comic-Con: "Sorry about the nipples on the suit," he said.

Disney premiered a teaser trailer at the event, a smaller, east coast edition of the sprawling Comic-Con in San Diego. Directed by Brad Bird and starring Britt Robertson, "Tomorrowland" is due out May 22, 2015. □

Actor Stephen Collins has scenes cut from 'Scandal'

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Stephen Collins' real-life scandal has cost him a role on "Scandal."

ABC said Thursday that Collins, who was supposed to repeat a one-time role as a television anchorman on the hit Thursday drama, will have his scenes eliminated. The network said it isn't clear how the episode will be rewritten. It was scheduled to air later this season.

New York police said this week they are investigating charges that the former "7th Heaven" television dad molested a 14-year-old girl back in 1972.

The actor's estranged wife wrote in a court declara-



In this July 1, 2008 file photo, actor Stephen Collins poses for a picture outside of the Shubert Theatre in New York.

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tion last year that Collins told her he had molested at least three young girls. Earlier this week, the networks, UP TV and TV Guide, announced the cancellations of "7th Heaven." □

John Lennon comes to life in show opening in NY

MARK KENNEDY

AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When John R. Waters first heard the Beatles on the radio as a teenager, he made more than one mistake. He thought they were Yanks. And he suspected not all of them were male. "They sounded like a Motown band and I thought there was a chick singer in there somewhere," said Waters laughing.

The British-born, Australian-based Waters soon learned the truth, but it never stopped his adoration of a band that he says "changed the face of song-writing."

Waters, an actor and musician, has gone further than most fans of the Fab Four — he's now embodying one of them. He stars in "Lennon: Through a Glass Onion," which has 31 songs including "Imagine," "Strawberry Fields Forever" and "Lucy In the Sky with Diamonds."

The show features both songs and spoken word at different stages in Lennon's career and the guitar-playing Waters — accompanied by pianist Stewart D'Arrietta — mimics Lennon's voice but otherwise just tries to catch his essence.

"I didn't want to be like an Elvis impersonator. I don't



In this image released by Keith Sherman Associates, John R. Waters performs in "Lennon: Through a Glass Onion," in New York.

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dress up to look like Lennon but I do use the voice," said Waters, 65. "I was 15 when the Beatles had their first hit and it was a big thing for all of my generation."

Lennon, who would have turned 74 on Thursday, was killed in New York in 1980. "Lennon: Through a Glass Onion," which takes its name from a track on the so-called "White Album," makes its New York debut this month at the Union Square Theater. The show has the blessing of Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono.

"We pull back the layers of the onion to reveal the core," said D'Arrietta. "This stuff is such rich music. He was such a clever writer.

He really was."

Waters agrees, vividly remembering riding his bicycle to school and singing "Strawberry Fields Forever."

He marveled at its unusual chord sequence and structure. "It's just a brilliant song," he said.

Waters premiered the show with D'Arrietta 22 years ago at a hotel in Sydney. The pair toured with it on and off for years — including a stint in London's West End — but never made it to New York until now.

It uses songs by Lennon — some co-written with Paul McCartney — as well as stories based on Lennon's lyrics, which were often very personal. □

Director Paul Feig to make female-led 'Ghostbusters'

NEW YORK (AP) — After years of rumors, there are finally plans for a new "Ghostbusters," and it will be led by a female cast.

"Bridesmaids" filmmaker Paul Feig said Wednesday that he will direct a reboot of the ghost-fighting comedy franchise starring, as he said on Twitter, "hilarious women." Feig will direct the film for Sony Pictures, with "The Heat" screenwriter Katie Dippold writing the script. A sequel with the original cast was developed for years that would



In this June 23, 2013 file photo, director Paul Feig and screenwriter Katie Dippold attend "The Heat" premiere at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York.

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have reunited Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis, with Ivan Reitman directing. But that never got off the ground and Ramis died in February. □

Actress stands her ground in 'Jane the Virgin'

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Gina Rodriguez's adorably fizzy charm itself would be enough to make CW's "Jane the Virgin" look like a winner.

But the sitcom debuting at 9 p.m. EDT on Monday boasts a premise that's both high-concept and clever, as well as offering the rare prospect of a show that is focused on Latino characters who go beyond stereotypes.

Based on a Venezuelan telenovela—the deliciously over-the-top soap opera genre that also gave us "Ugly Betty" — "Jane the Virgin" is about a young woman who has clung to celibacy as instructed by a sternly loving grandmother and to further her own dreams of professional success.

Fate has other, crazy plans, and the still-virginal Jane finds herself pregnant. Chaos and comedy ensue, impeccably played out in the pilot starring Rodriguez as Jane Villanueva; Brett Dier as her rightly confused fiance Michael; Ivonne Coll as grandma Alba and Andrea Navedo as Jane's high-spirited mother, Xiomara.

For the CW, the sitcom is an odd duck, a family comedy on a schedule rife with

zombies, superheroes and vampires in series including comic-book based newcomer "The Flash." The network must avoid slipping "completely down a genre hole" and being perceived as other than a broadcaster, CW President Mark Pedowitz told a TV

said.

For Rodriguez, 29, "Jane the Virgin" was a project worth waiting for. The actress, whose credits include "The Bold and the Beautiful" and "Army Wives" and indie films, said she turned down a role on Lifetime's "Devious Maids," Marc

view. "I know all the women on 'Devious Maids' and I love and support and wish them only the best. ... It just wasn't my dream."

The positive buzz swirling around the sitcom is reminiscent of what Rodriguez encountered when the 2012 film "Filly Brown," in

Yeah, I wish."

Such big-screen fame wasn't immediately forthcoming, but she's already determined how to handle herself whatever happens. "I learned about the woman I want to be, that ego is the death of talent," said Rodriguez, who doesn't name names when it comes to anti-role models in the industry.

Besides, she says, she has already achieved a measure of success in the eyes of those she holds dearest, her family. After graduating from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, Rodriguez appeared onstage as artist Frida Kahlo and got one especially crucial review.

"You can do this. You're good," she recalled her father telling her. "I said, 'I made it. He believed in me. He accepted everything I wanted to accept and believe in.'"

The Chicago-born Rodriguez credits parents Genaro and Magali Rodriguez with instilling drive and positive self-esteem into her and her two older sisters. One is a physician, the other an investment banker.

"I'm not a self-made anything," she said, firmly. "My father made me look in the mirror and say, 'Today's going to be a great day. I can and I will.'"



In this Sept. 6, 2014 file photo, actress Gina Rodriguez arrives at the 2014 PALEYFEST Fall TV Previews - The CW in Beverly Hills, Calif. Rodriguez portrays Jane in The CW series, "Jane The Virgin," premiering Monday, Oct. 13, 2014.

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critics' meeting. "Jane the Virgin" can help, he said. "Audiences do not come to us to watch procedurals. They have other, better places to go. But they do come to us to watch interesting characters in a very serialized form," Pedowitz

Cherry's successful follow-up to ABC's "Desperate Housewives" that he produces with Eva Longoria. "I didn't want to do a show about maids because there are other stories to be told" about Latinos, Rodriguez said in an inter-

view. which she played an aspiring hip-hop artist, screened at Robert Redford's Sundance festival.

"I was the 'It Girl,'" she recalled. "People were like, 'Rah, rah, rah, you're amazing. You're going to be Jennifer Lawrence' ...



In this June 21, 2006 file photo, Bill Withers poses in Beverly Hills, Calif. Sting, Green Day, and Bill Withers are among the first-time nominees for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The punk trio Green Day, the short-lived British band The Smiths, "Lean on Me" singer Bill Withers and Sting are among the first-time nomi-

nees for enshrinement in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Six of the 15 nominees for the hall's Class of 2015 announced Thursday are on the ballot for the first time. More than 700 artists and

Green Day, Sting, Withers among rock hall nominees

other members of the music community will vote on the inductees, with the results announced in December.

Other first-time nominees are the abrasive rockers Nine Inch Nails and the late blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan. To be eligible, a musician had to release a recording in 1989 or earlier. With its ninth nomination since 2003, Chic is once again hoping for some good times. The Paul Butterfield Blues Band was nominated for the fourth time. New York rocker Lou Reed, who died last October, was nominated for the

third time and the first since 2001.

Other nominees are Joan Jett and her band, the Blackhearts; German electronic music pioneers Kraftwerk; Motown's The Marvelettes; the Los Angeles rap collective N.W.A.; Philly soul singers The Spinners and the rock and soul band War.

With "Dookie" and "American Idiot," Green Day scored two of the biggest albums of the 1990s and 2000s. Withers, who hasn't released new music in nearly three decades, had a string of 1970s era hits "Ain't No Sunshine," "Just

the Two of Us" and "Lovely Day."

Sting is already in the rock hall as a member of The Police. The Smiths, a quartet led by the duo of singer-songwriter Morrissey and guitarist Johnny Marr, had an intense five-year run in the 1980s before crumbling. Nine Inch Nails' signature hit, "Hurt," was memorably covered by Johnny Cash.

The 2015 induction ceremony will be held in April in Cleveland, home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Television plans have not been announced. □

Voodoo, the Next Generation



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Even if Republicans take the Senate this year, gaining control of both houses of Congress, they won't gain much in conventional terms: They're already able to block legislation, and they still won't be able to pass anything over the president's veto. One thing they will be able to do, however, is impose their will on the Congressional Budget Office, heretofore a nonpartisan referee on policy proposals.

As a result, we may soon find ourselves in deep voodoo.

During his failed bid for the 1980 Republican presidential nomination George H.W. Bush famously described Ronald Reagan's "supply side" doctrine - the claim that cutting taxes on high incomes would lead to spectacular economic growth, so that tax cuts would pay for themselves - as "voodoo economic policy." Bush was right. Even the rapid recovery from the 1981-82 recession was driven by interest-rate cuts, not tax cuts. Still, for a time the voodoo faithful claimed vindication.

The 1990s, however, were bad news for voodoo. Conservatives confidently predicted economic disaster after Bill Clinton's 1993 tax hike. What happened instead was a boom that surpassed the Reagan expansion in every dimension: GDP, jobs, wages and family incomes.

And while there was never any admission by the usual suspects that their god had failed, it's noteworthy that the Bush II administration - never shy about selling its policies on false pretenses - didn't try to justify its tax cuts with extravagant claims about their economic payoff. George W. Bush's economists didn't believe in supply-side hype, and more important, his political handlers believed that such hype would play badly with the public. And we should also note that the Bush-era Congressional Budget Office behaved well, sticking to its nonpartisan mandate. But now it looks as if voodoo is making a comeback. At the state level, Republican governors - and Gov. Sam Brownback of Kansas, in particular - have been going all in on tax cuts despite troubled budgets, with confident assertions that growth will solve all problems. It's not happening, and in Kansas a rebellion by moderates may deliver the state to Democrats. But the true believers show no sign of wavering. Meanwhile, in Congress Paul

Ryan, the chairman of the House Budget Committee, is dropping broad hints that after the election he and his colleagues will do what the Bushies never did, try to push the budget office into adopting "dynamic scoring," that is, assuming a big economic payoff from tax cuts.

So why is this happening now? It's not because voodoo economics has become any more credible. True, recovery from the 2007-9 recession has been sluggish, but it has actually been a bit faster than the typical recovery from financial crisis, despite unprecedented cuts in government spending and employment. In fact, the recovery in private-sector employment has been faster than it was during the "Bush boom" last decade. At the same time, researchers at the International Monetary Fund, surveying cross-country evidence, have found that redistribution of income from the affluent to the poor, which conservatives insist kills growth, actually seems to boost economies.

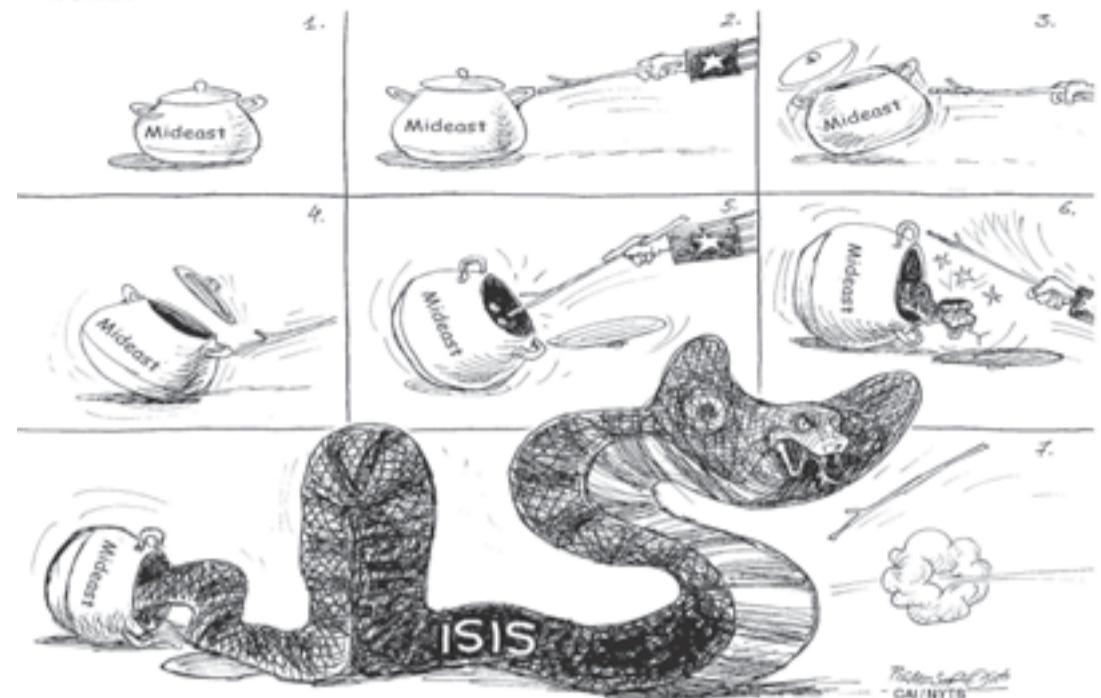
But facts won't stop the voodoo comeback, for two main reasons.

First, voodoo economics has dominated the conservative movement for so long that it has become an inward-looking cult, whose members know what they know and are impervious to contrary evidence. Fifteen years ago leading Republicans may have been aware that the Clinton boom posed a problem for their ideology. Today someone like Sen. Rand Paul can say: "When is the last time in our country we created millions of jobs? It was under Ronald Reagan." Clinton who?

Second, the nature of the budget debate means that Republican leaders need to believe in the ways of magic. For years people like Ryan have posed as champions of fiscal discipline even while advocating huge tax cuts for wealthy individuals and corporations. They have also called for savage cuts in aid to the poor, but these have never been big enough to offset the revenue loss. So how can they make things add up?

Well, for years they have relied on magic asterisks - claims that they will make up for lost revenue by closing loopholes and slashing spending, details to follow. But this dodge has been losing effectiveness as the years go by and the specifics keep not coming. Inevitably, then, they're feeling the pull of that old black magic - and if they take the Senate, they'll be able to infuse voodoo into supposedly neutral analysis.

Would they actually do it? It would destroy the credibility of a very important institution, one that has served the country well. But have you seen any evidence that the modern conservative movement cares about such things? □



I Love Lena



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Here are some things you may know about Lena Dunham, if you happen to have opened the pages of any New York periodical at any point in the last few years. She is the youthful impresario behind HBO's series "Girls," which has launched at least one think piece for every viewer in its audience; she is also the show's star, in which capacity she frequently disrobes; and she is the author of a memoir-ish new book, which debuted to much attention last week. She is also a frequent agitator for liberal causes, most famously in the ad she cut for President Barack Obama in 2012, which compared the experience of casting one's first vote to, well, a different sort of magical first time.

Here is something you might not know about her: She has a number of reactionary admirers.

I'm using "reactionary" rather than "Republican" advisedly: I don't mean to imply that Tea Party activists are lining up to buy "Not That Kind of Girl," Dunham's comic (sort of) foray into non-fictionalized self-exposure, or that there's a Fox News talk show waiting in her future.

But within the small (but fun!) world of cultural conservatives who watch too much HBO, Dunham has a fan base. Let me explain why. Like most television shows about young urbanites making their way in the world, "Girls" is a depiction of a culture whose controlling philosophy is what the late Robert Bellah

called "expressive individualism" - the view that the key to the good life lies almost exclusively in self-discovery, self-actualization, the cultivation of the unique and holy You.

This is a perspective with religious and political corollaries: It implies a God-as-life-coach theology, the kind that pulses through Oprah Winfrey's current revival tour, and a politics in which the state is effectively a therapeutic agent, protecting the questing self from shocks and deprivation. And to be a cultural conservative today means, above all, regarding expressive individualism as an idea desperately in need of correction and critique.

Often the roots of this kind of conservatism are religious, since biblical faith takes a rather dimmer view of human nature's inner workings, a rather darker view of the unfettered self. But the conservative argument is also a practical one: We don't think expressive individualism actually makes people very happy.

We have some sociological evidence for this contention, in the disintegration that has proceeded apace in poorer communities as American society has become more individualistic. But further up the income and education ladder, life is much more prosperous and stable, which means that the case against expressive individualism rests on impressions and experiences - on hard-to-prove generalizations about narcissism, anomie and quiet desperation among the young and well-to-do.

Those impressions, those generalizations, are rarely reflected in pop culture. The best of contemporary TV is dark dark dark, but it's the darkness of exotic realms

- Westeros or Walter White's meth lab, mob life or deep Louisiana. The defining portraits of younger, well-educated blue-state life, from "Friends" to "Sex and the City" to their imitators, are essentially propaganda for expressive individualism, sometimes allow-

ing room for nuance but never for a real critique.

Except for "Girls." The thing that makes Dunham's show so interesting, the reason it inspired a certain unsettlement among some of its early fans, is that it often portrays young-liberal-urbanite life the way, well, many reactionaries see it: as a collision of narcissists educated mostly in self-love, a sexual landscape distinguished by serial humiliations - a realm at once manic and medicated, privileged and bereft of higher purpose.

Now there is plenty of charm and fun and human interest on the show as well, and I'm quite sure that Dunham does not intend the reading I've just offered. More likely she agrees with Elaine Blair, whose New York Review of Books article chided the show's "nervous" liberal critics, and praised "Girls" for depicting the ways in which, thanks to the sexual revolution, "all of us can know more people in more ways than was ever previously allowed," with "the ultimate prize to be wrung from all of these baffling sexual predicaments" being "a deeper understanding of oneself."

This is Expressive Individualism 101. But the show is observant enough, artistic enough, to allow room for contrary interpretations. There are scenes - an extremely dark sexual encounter involving an otherwise likable male character near the end of season two - that make Blair's sexual happy-talk seem frankly absurd. There are moments - a messed-up daughter's encounter with her feckless dad, a character's rant against her close friends' self-absorption - that are almost puritanical (in a good way!) in their moral perspective.

Any reactionary affection for her work is doubtless unrequited. But it's merited, because Dunham is doing a rare thing: She's making a show for liberals that, merely by being realistic, sharp-edge, complicated, almost gives cultural conservatism its due. □

Shaq Looming Even Larger Off the Court

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ATLANTA - Shaquille O'Neal arrived at Turner Studios on a recent weekday morning wearing a tailored suit, size 60XL, and carrying a leather briefcase. He sat at a table at the front of the room, cracked open his laptop and prepared for a daylong seminar on a subject that was uniquely familiar to him: Shaquille O'Neal.

The occasion was the third annual Shaq Summit, a gathering of representatives from O'Neal's many business ventures - a group that included the president of Zales (O'Neal has a men's jewelry line) and executives from Arizona Beverages (O'Neal has a new fruit punch). One by one, they presented their campaigns and their products, and they detailed how O'Neal, the former NBA star, figured into their plans. "We'd like to see if we can create a little synergy under the Shaq umbrella," O'Neal said.

O'Neal is difficult to miss these days. He might be dancing on a television commercial for Monster speakers. Or extolling the virtues of a medicated power. Or selling Shaq-brand suits at Macy's, Shaq-brand jewelry at Zales and Shaq-brand sneakers at J.C. Penney. All of which O'Neal supplements with his regular gig as an analyst on TNT's "Inside the NBA," a program that has given him a valuable platform since he retired from the league in 2011.

From the beginning of his playing career, O'Neal mastered the art of self-promotion by using his cartoonish size and colorful personality to his advantage. If the flip side was that he sometimes seemed to lack the edge on the court that others expected of him, his outside interests still paid off handsomely. And with more players seeing themselves as individual brands, perhaps O'Neal's entrepreneurial feats, which have stretched into retirement and landed him on the cover of Bloomberg

Businessweek, offer more of a road map than ever before.

Consider that O'Neal, 42, earned more than \$21 million last year through his many business partnerships and his TV work, his management team said. And while several retired athletes make more - Michael Jordan collected \$90 million last year, according to a recent survey by Forbes - few can seemingly compete with the volume and variety of O'Neal products.

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"Shaq wants to be involved," said Ian Gomar, who, as president of Shaquille O'Neal Consumer Properties, handles O'Neal's licensing deals.

"I've worked with a lot of

team: Perry Rogers, Colin Smeeton and Mike Parris, who had sought a way to maximize O'Neal's brand. While large organizations often stage similar events for corporate partners, individuals typically do not. Then again, O'Neal is a little different.

"I used to have to fly all over the place and meet with everybody," O'Neal said. "Now, I can have everybody on the same page."

Over the course of the day,

subtle as a coy smile. Look for it soon on 11 million boxes of Fruity Pebbles.

"Love that smile," said Lucas Miringer, a director of marketing at Chattem, a manufacturer of health care products like Gold Bond and IcyHot - two other O'Neal vehicles.

A fearsome 7-foot-1 center and a 15-time All-Star during his playing days, O'Neal said he first considered the big business of his future profession when he was a teenager. His father



Shaquille O'Neal during the third annual Shaq Summit in Atlanta. At the gathering, representatives from O'Neal's many business ventures, a group that included everyone from the president of Zales to executives from Arizona Beverages, presented their campaigns and their products, and detailed how O'Neal, the former NBA star, figured into their plans.

(Kevin Liles/The New York Times)

Representatives from 19 companies showed up for the Shaq Summit.

Shaq knows that it might seem like a lot of Shaq, except that he says he turns companies down. His name goes only on things that he likes, he said. Such as his Dunkman backpacks. And his soon-to-be-released line of Capelli slippers. And all four flavors of Soda Shaq.

Not everything O'Neal does is an instant triumph. There was his unfortunate experiment as a rap artist. His 1996 film, "Kazaam," was not considered for an Academy Award. More recently, sales of Soda Shaq slowed. As Rob Mar-

athletes, and the beauty of him is that if I say, 'Look, I need you at Wal-Mart on Tuesday at 9 o'clock for a promotion,' he'll show up at 8:30."

The night before the summit, O'Neal hosted his guests at an Atlanta Braves game. Out on the concourse, he signed autographs and posed for photos. He wore a T-shirt that featured the comedian Zach Galifianakis' face.

By the following morning, O'Neal had swapped his T-shirt for a suit. He opened the summit by giving the assembled executives the wireless code.

The summit was the idea of O'Neal's management

more than a dozen commercials featuring O'Neal were screened, including one for Drone wristwatches, which were roughly the size of frying pans. (Subtlety is not part of the O'Neal oeuvre.) There were several spots for Reebok, which will soon add to its line of retro sneakers with the Shaq Attaq, the Shaq Attacked and the Pump Shaqnosis.

The formula is simple, O'Neal said: Make people laugh and they will remember you. Whenever he meets with a new creative team, O'Neal offers input. "Give me what you want, and I'll Shaq it up," he says. Shaq-ing it up can be as

gave him a book that outlined some of the challenges athletes had managing their money.

"My parents did a great job of scaring me," O'Neal said.

O'Neal intends to stay busy. He is gearing up for another season with TNT. He plans to help promote his jewelry line and his suit collection. He has fruit punch to pitch, sneakers to sell and video games to plug. There is his television pilot (Shaq will play himself), his role as commissioner of sport for the Cartoon Network and his charitable work with Toys for Tots, which has enlisted him as Shaq-a-Claus. □